

## Supporting Information

### Ethanol Conversion on Cyclic ( $\text{MO}_3)_3$ ( $\text{M} = \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ ) Clusters

Zhenjun Li,<sup>1</sup> Zongtang Fang,<sup>2</sup> Matthew S. Kelley,<sup>2</sup> Bruce D. Kay,<sup>1</sup> Roger Rousseau,<sup>1\*</sup> Zdenek Dohnalek,<sup>1\*</sup> and David A. Dixon<sup>2\*,†</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Fundamental and Computational Sciences Directorate and Institute for Integrated Catalysis,  
Pacific Northwest National laboratory, PO Box 999, Richland, Washington 99352, USA

<sup>2</sup> Department of Chemistry, The University of Alabama, Shelby Hall, Box 870336, Tuscaloosa,  
Alabama 35487

#### Complete references:

##### Ref. 40

Gaussian 09, Revision B.1, Frisch, M. J.; Trucks, G. W.; Schlegel, H. B.; Scuseria, G. E.; Robb, M. A.; Cheeseman, J. R.; Scalmani, G.; Barone, V.; Mennucci, B.; Petersson, G. A.; Nakatsuji, H.; Caricato, M.; Li, X.; Hratchian, H. P.; Izmaylov, A. F.; Bloino, J.; Zheng, G.; Sonnenberg, J. L.; Hada, M.; Ehara, M.; Toyota, K.; Fukuda, R.; Hasegawa, J.; Ishida, M.; Nakajima, T.; Honda, Y.; Kitao, O.; Nakai, H.; Vreven, T.; Montgomery, Jr., J. A.; Peralta, J. E.; Ogliaro, F.; Bearpark, M.; Heyd, J. J.; Brothers, E.; Kudin, K. N.; Staroverov, V. N.; Kobayashi, R.; Normand, J.; Raghavachari, K.; Rendell, A.; Burant, J. C.; Iyengar, S. S.; Tomasi, J.; Cossi, M.; Rega, N.; Millam, N. J.; Klene, M.; Knox, J. E.; Cross, J. B.; Bakken, V.; Adamo, C.; Jaramillo, J.; Gomperts, R.; Stratmann, R. E.; Yazyev, O.; Austin, A. J.; Cammi, R.; Pomelli, C.; Ochterski, J. W.; Martin, R. L.; Morokuma, K.; Zakrzewski, V. G.; Voth, G. A.; Salvador, P.; Dannenberg, J. J.; Dapprich, S.; Daniels, A. D.; Farkas, Ö.; Foresman, J. B.; Ortiz, J. V.; Cioslowski, J.; Fox, D. J. Gaussian, Inc., Wallingford CT, 2009.

##### Ref. 43

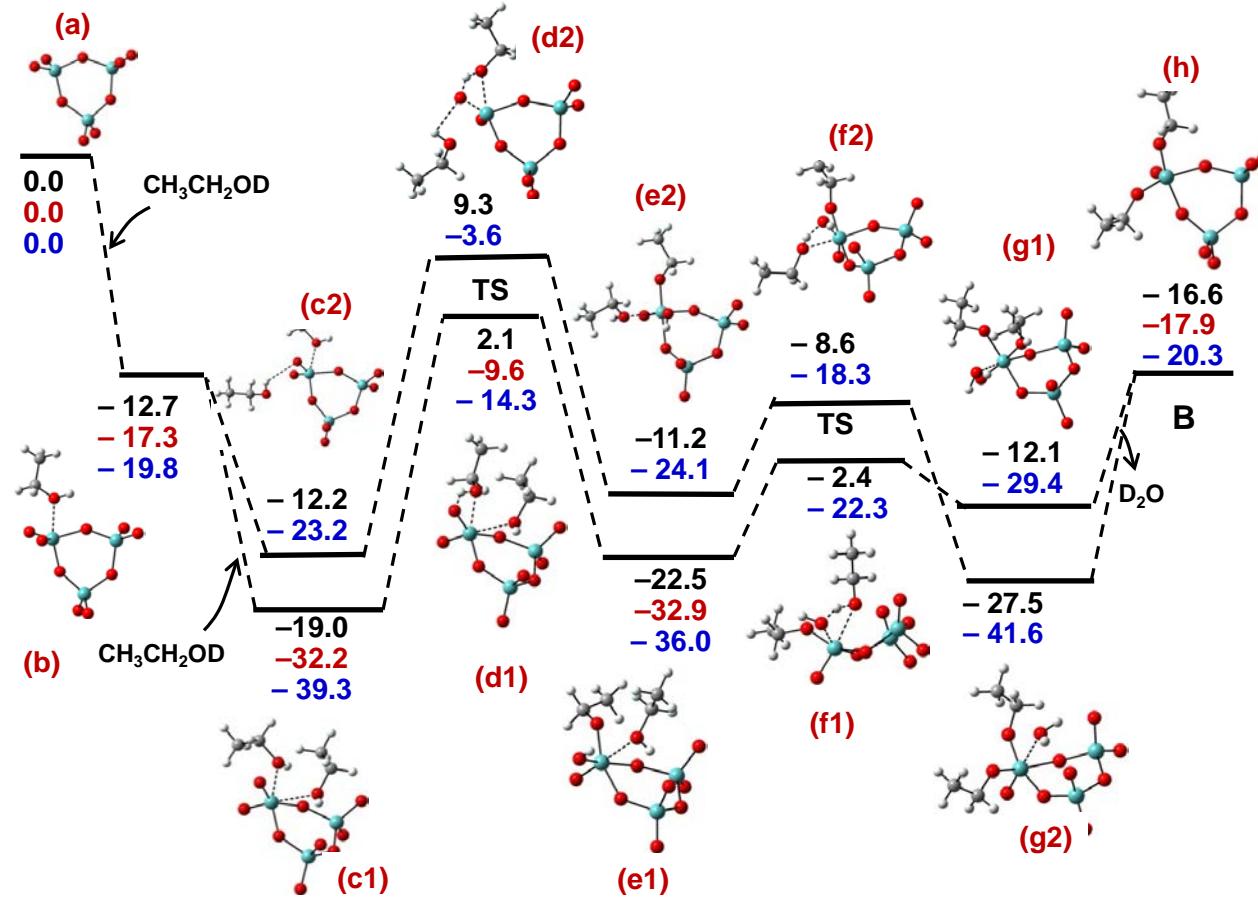
MOLPRO, version 2012.1, a package of *ab initio* programs, Werner, H.-J.; Knowles, P. J.; Knizia, G.; Manby, F. R.; Schütz, M.; Celani, P.; Korona, T.; Lindh, R.; Mitrushenkov, A.; Rauhut, G.; Shamasundar, K. R.; Adler, T. B.; Amos, R. D.; Bernhardsson, A.; Berning, A.; Cooper, D. L.; Deegan, M. J. O.; Dobbyn, A. J.; Eckert, F.; Goll, E.; Hampel, C.; Hesselmann, A.; Hetzer, G.; Hrenar, T.; Jansen, G.; Köpli, C.; Liu, Y.; Lloyd, A. W.; Mata, R. A.; May, A. J.; McNicholas, S. J.; Meyer, W.; Mura, M. E.; Nicklaß, A.; O'Neill, D. P.; Palmieri, P.; Peng, D.; Pflüger, K.; Pitzer, R.; Reiher, M.; Shiozaki, T.; Stoll, H.; Stone, A. J.; Tarroni, R.; Thorsteinsson, T.; Wang, M.; see <http://www.molpro.net>

---

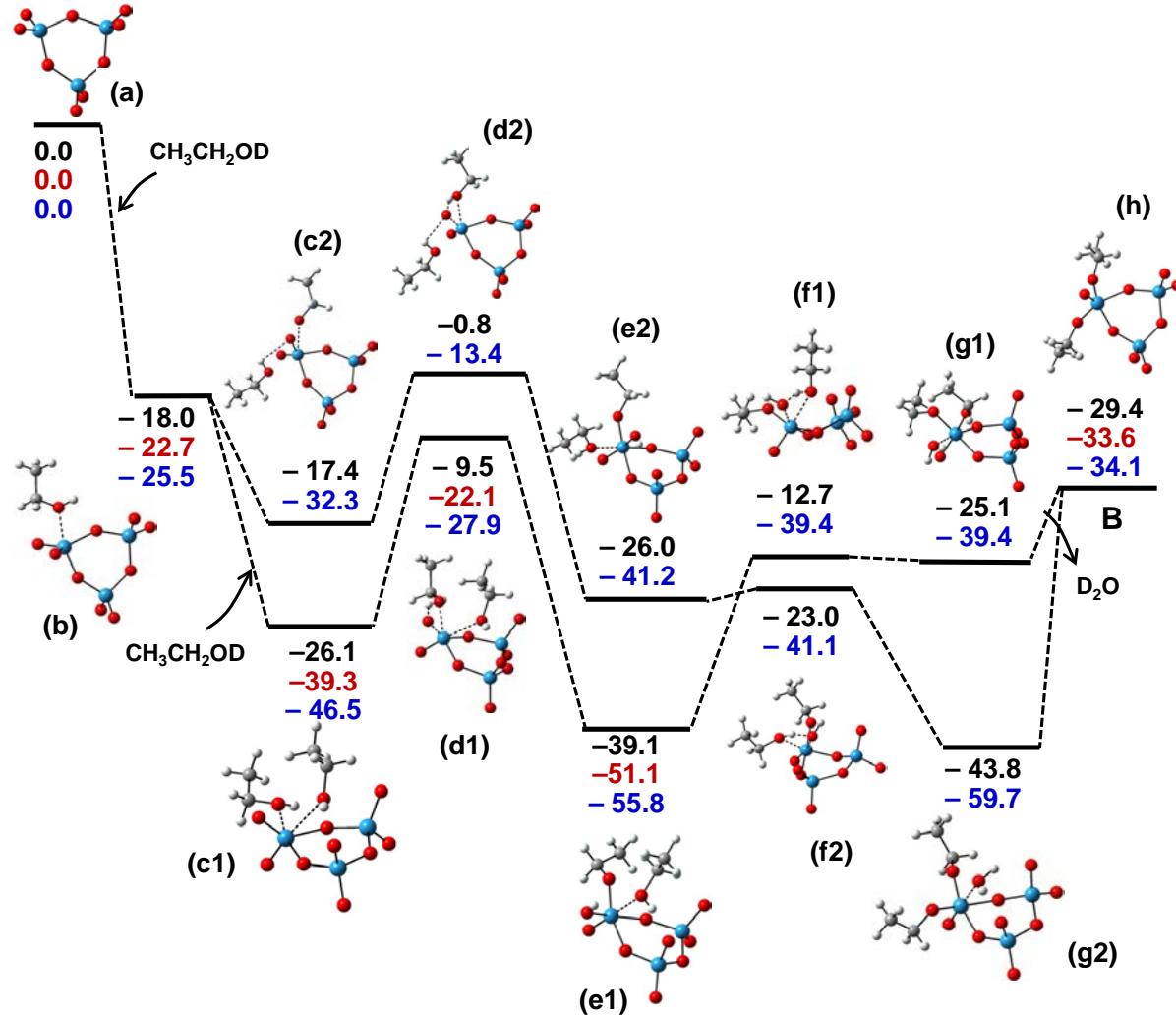
<sup>†</sup> Emails: dadixon@bama.ua.edu; Zdenek.Dohnalek@pnnl.gov; roger.rousseau@pnnl.gov

## Potential energy surfaces

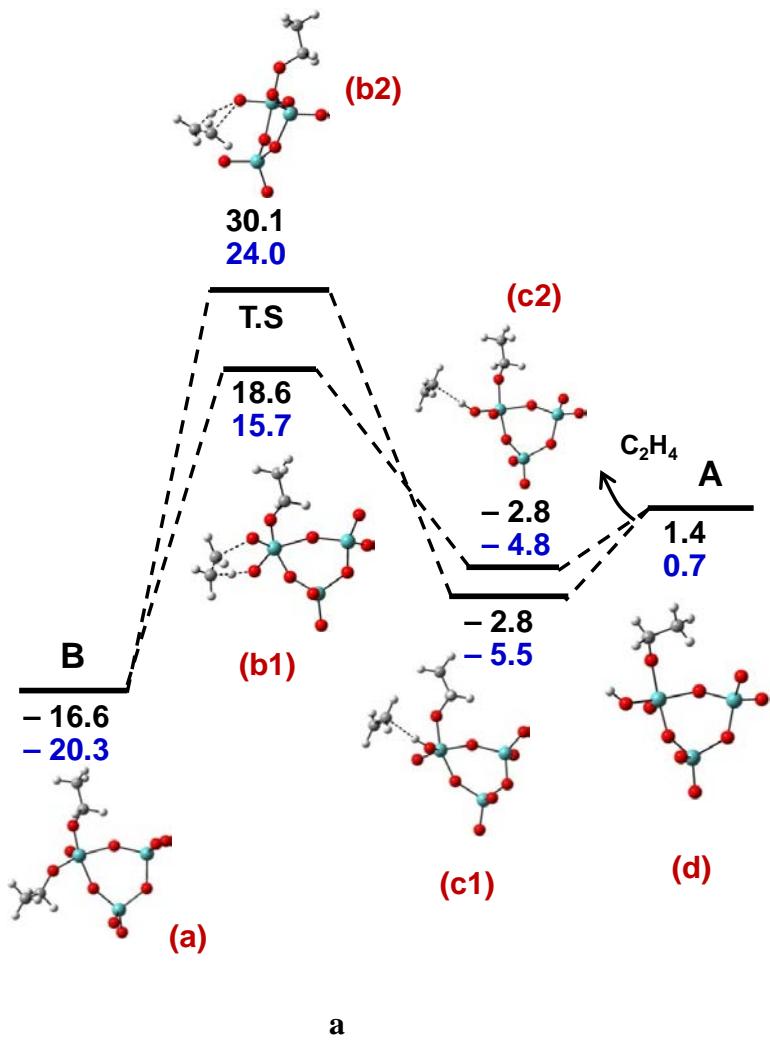
The potential energy surfaces (PES, energies at 0K in kcal/mol) for the D<sub>2</sub>O loss reactions, dehydration reactions, dehydrogenation reactions and H/D exchange reactions for ethanol regeneration are shown in Figures S3 to S13.



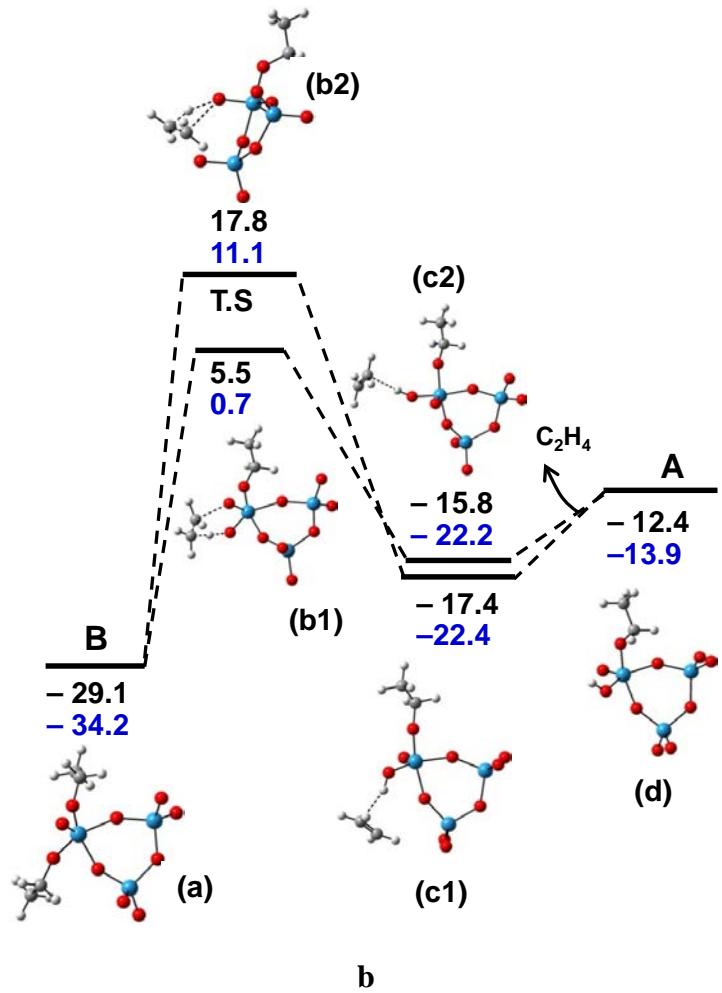
**Figure S1.** DFT with the B3LYP and M06 functionals and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the elimination of D<sub>2</sub>O from the reaction of 2C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OD + (MoO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. Reaction pathway 1 is identical with the PES for M = Mo in Figure 3 in manuscript. ΔE Energies in black = B3LYP/ aug-cc-pVDZ-PP (aD), in crimson = M06/aD//B3LYP/aD and in blue = CCSD(T)/aD//B3LYP/aD. Atoms, Mo = light blue, O = red, C = grey, and H = white.



**Figure S2.** DFT with the B3LYP and M06 functionals and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the elimination of D<sub>2</sub>O from the reaction of 2C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OD + (WO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>. Reaction pathway L is identical with the PES for M = W in Figure 3 in manuscript. ΔE Energies in black = B3LYP/ aug-cc-pVDZ-PP (aD), in crimson = m06/aD//B3LYP/aD and in blue = CCSD(T)/aD//B3LYP/aD. Atoms, W = dark blue, O = red, C = grey, and H = white.

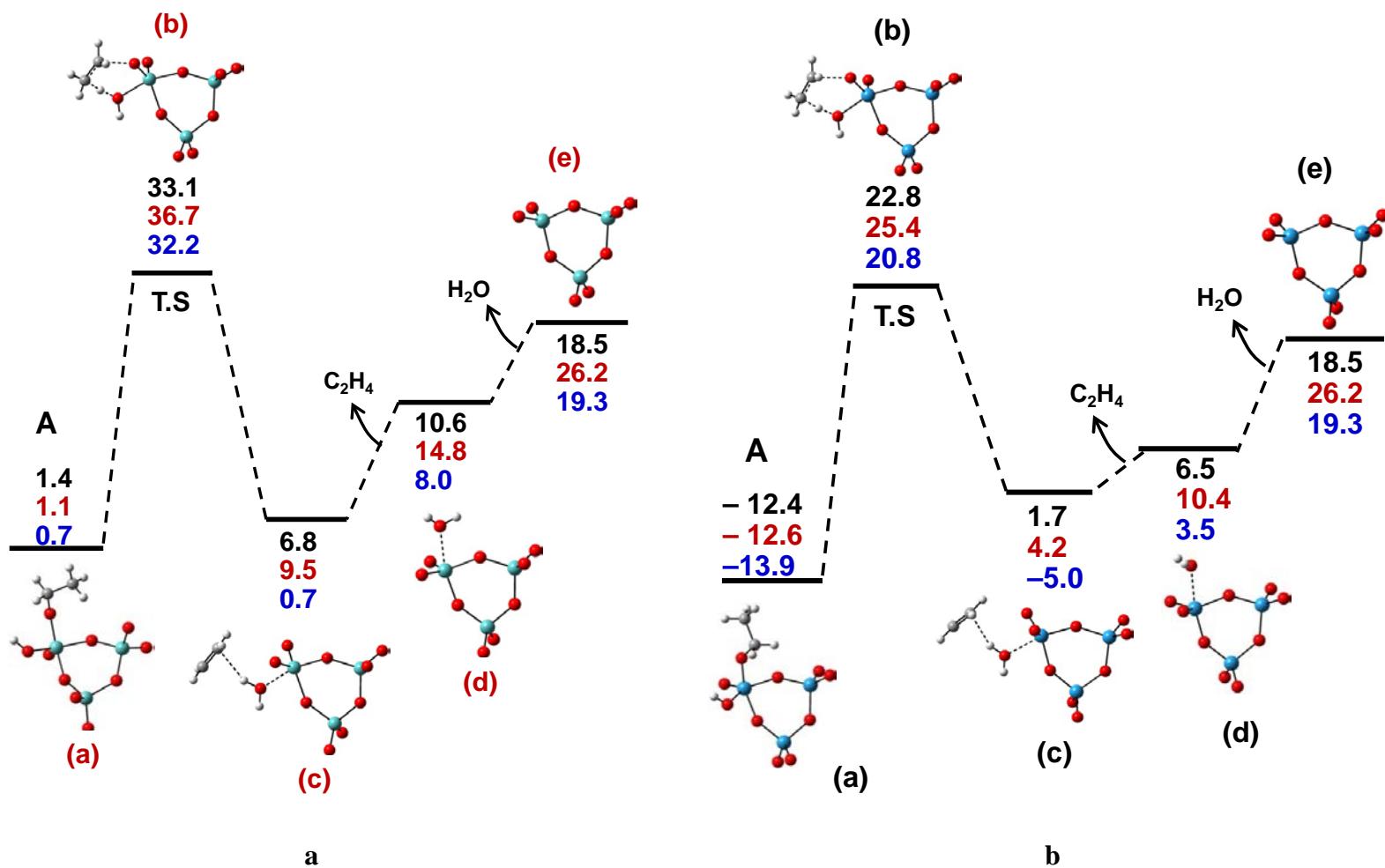


a

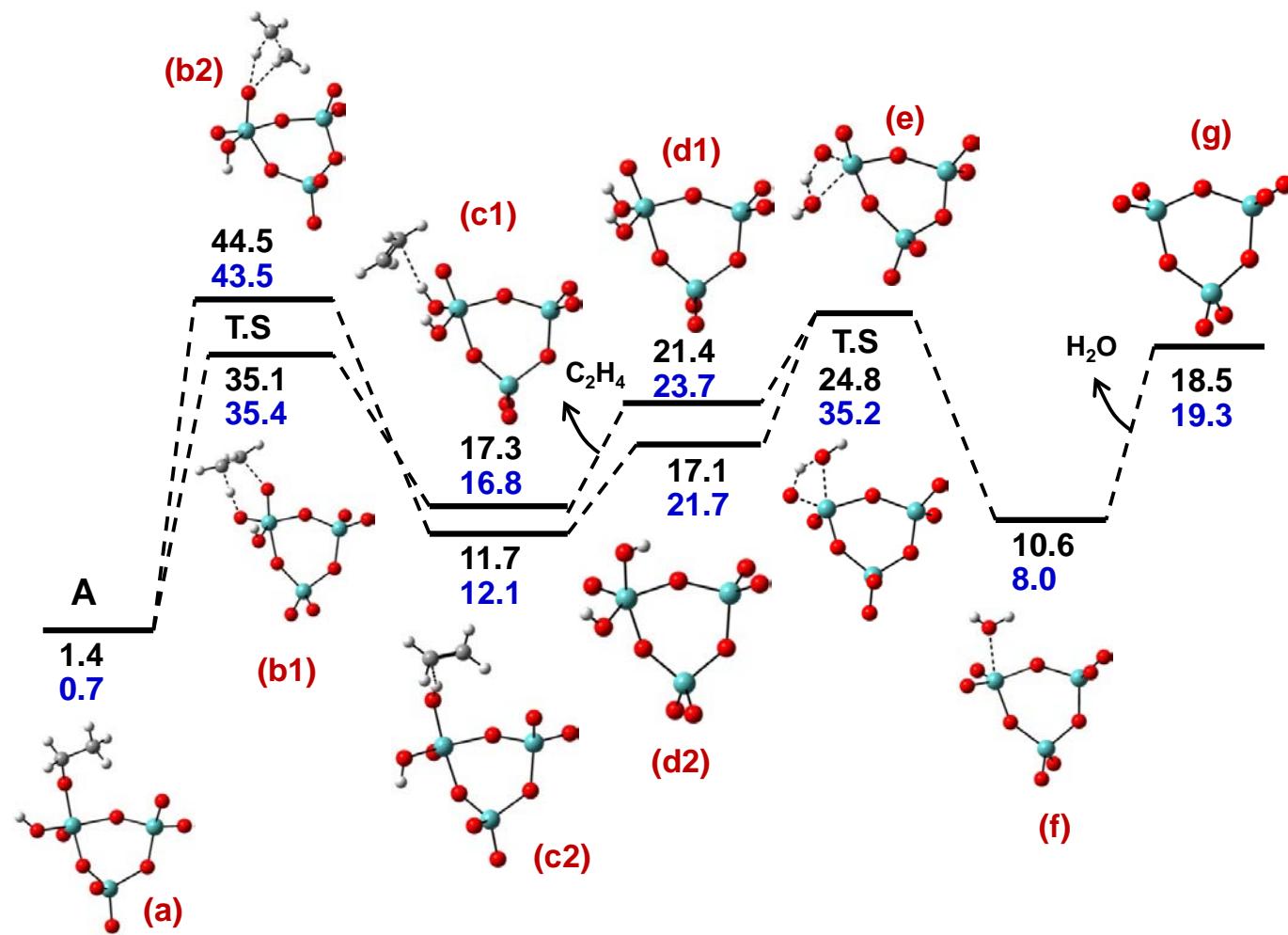


b

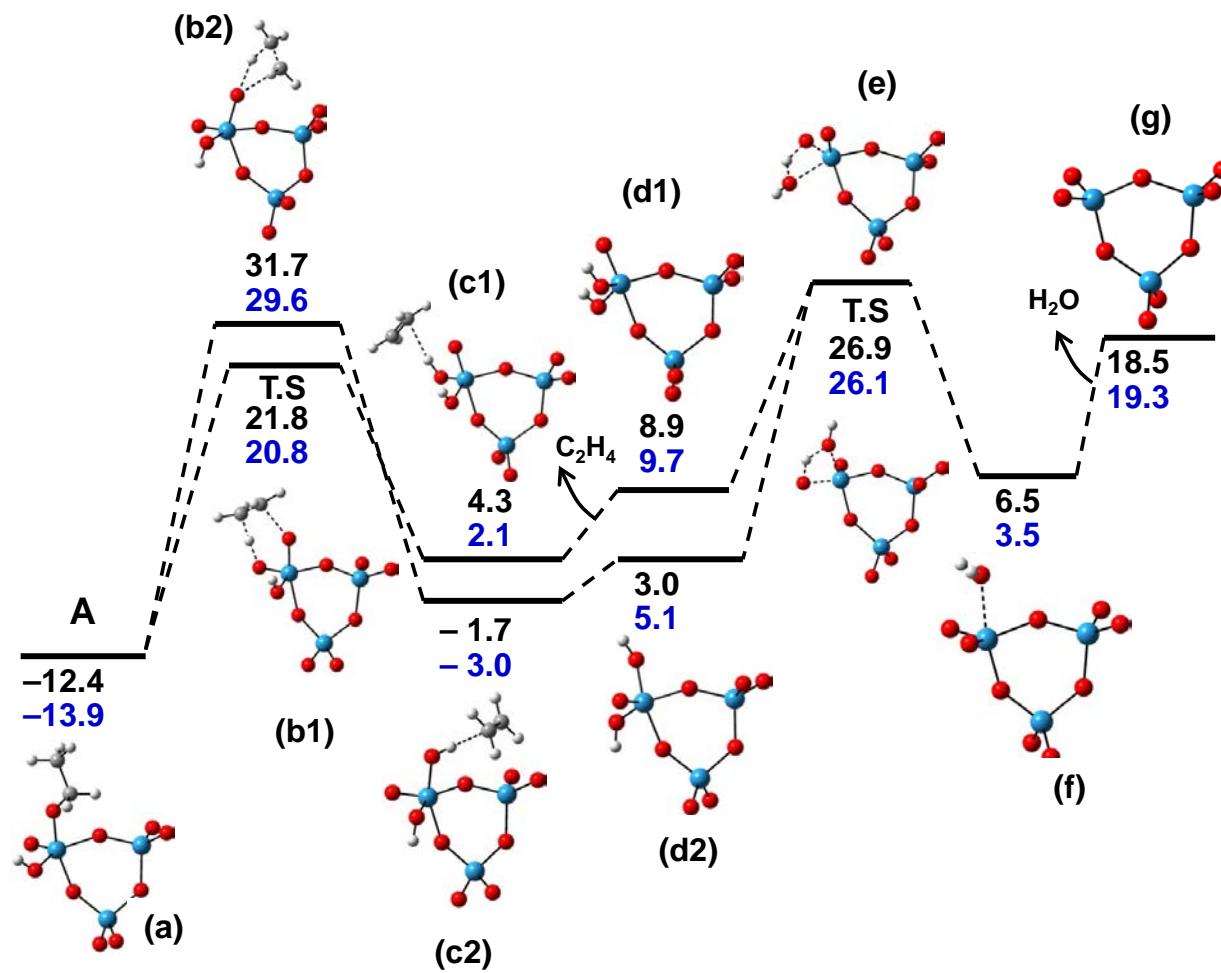
**Figure S3.** DFT with the B3LYP functional and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the formation of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (dehydration) and the precursor state (A) from the intermediate B of the reaction of  $2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{MO}_3)_3$ . M= Mo is shown in Figure S5a and M = W is shown in Figure S5b. Reaction pathway 1 is identical with the PES in Figure 4 in manuscript. See Figure S3 and S4 legends.



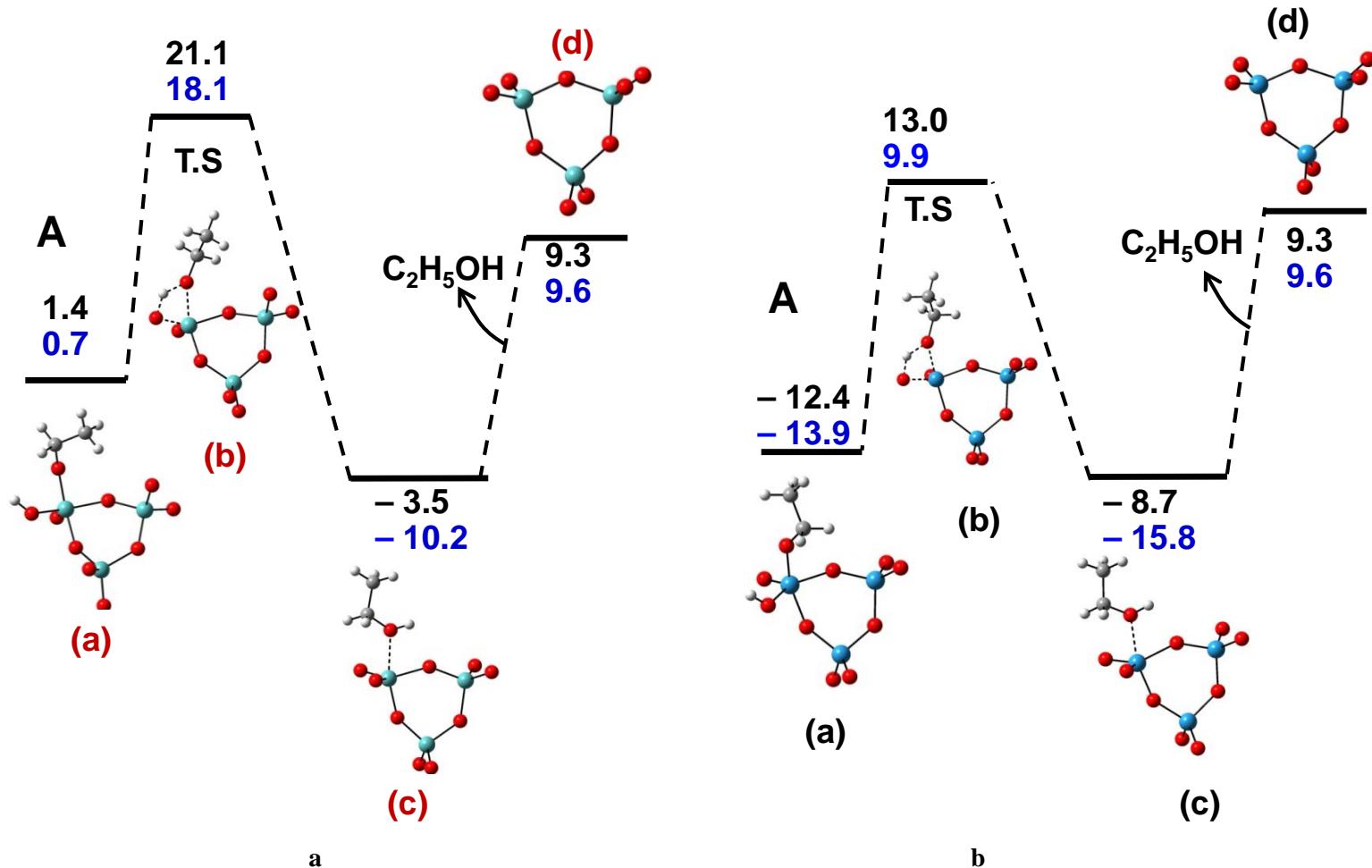
**Figure S4.** DFT with the B3LYP and M06 functionals and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the formation of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and the second  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (dehydration) from the intermediate A of the reaction of  $2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{MO}_3)_3$ . M= Mo is shown in Figure S6a and M = W is shown in Figure S6b. This reaction completes the catalytic cycle. Note that the overall catalytic process is endothermic. The dehydration reaction,  $2\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH} \rightarrow 2\text{C}_2\text{H}_4 + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$ , is endothermic by 21.6 kcal/mol from experiment (at 298K )and 19.3 kcal/mol at the CCSD(T)/aD//B3LYP/aD level for the release of two  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  molecule. See Figure S3 and S4 legends.



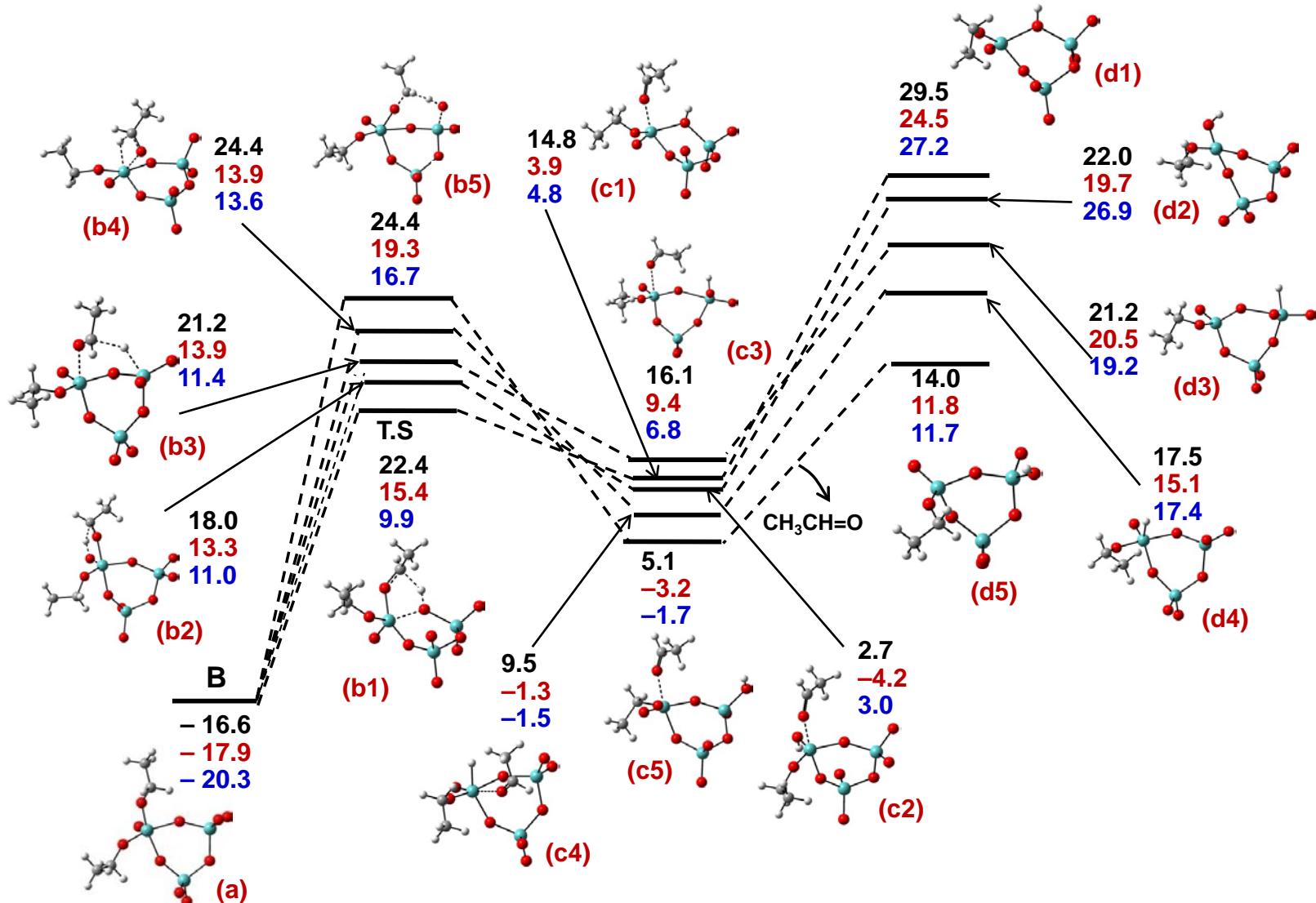
**Figure S5.** DFT with the B3LYP functional and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces of the alternative pathway in kcal/mol for the formation of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and the second  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (dehydration) from the intermediate A of the reaction of  $2\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{MoO}_3)_3$ . Completes the catalytic cycle. Note that the overall catalytic process is endothermic. This reaction completes the catalytic cycle. See Figure S3 legend.



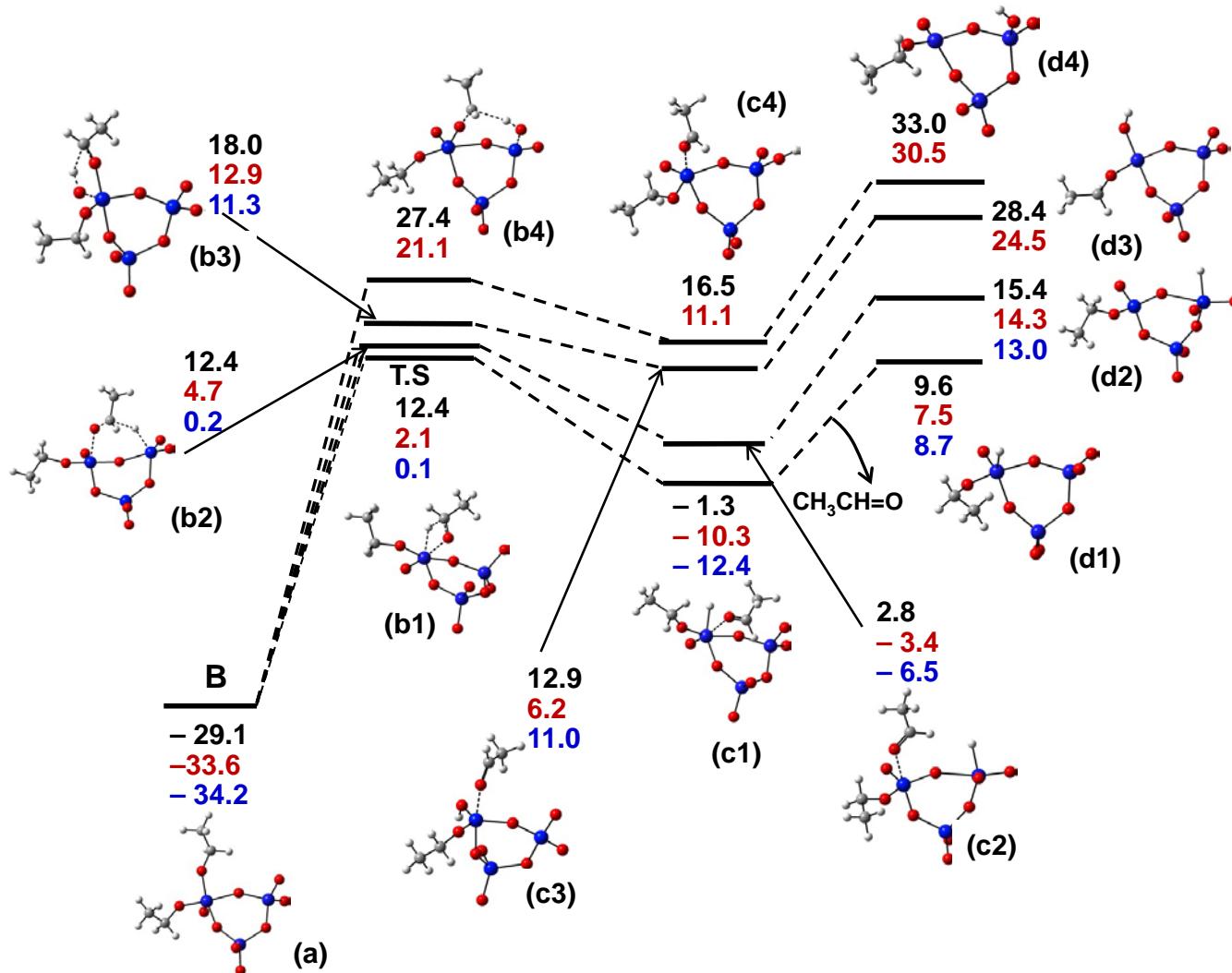
**Figure S6.** DFT with the B3LYP functional and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces of the alternative pathway in kcal/mol for the formation of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  and the second  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (dehydration) from the intermediate A of the reaction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{WO}_3)_3$ . Note that the overall catalytic process is endothermic. This reaction completes the catalytic cycle. See Figure S4 legend.



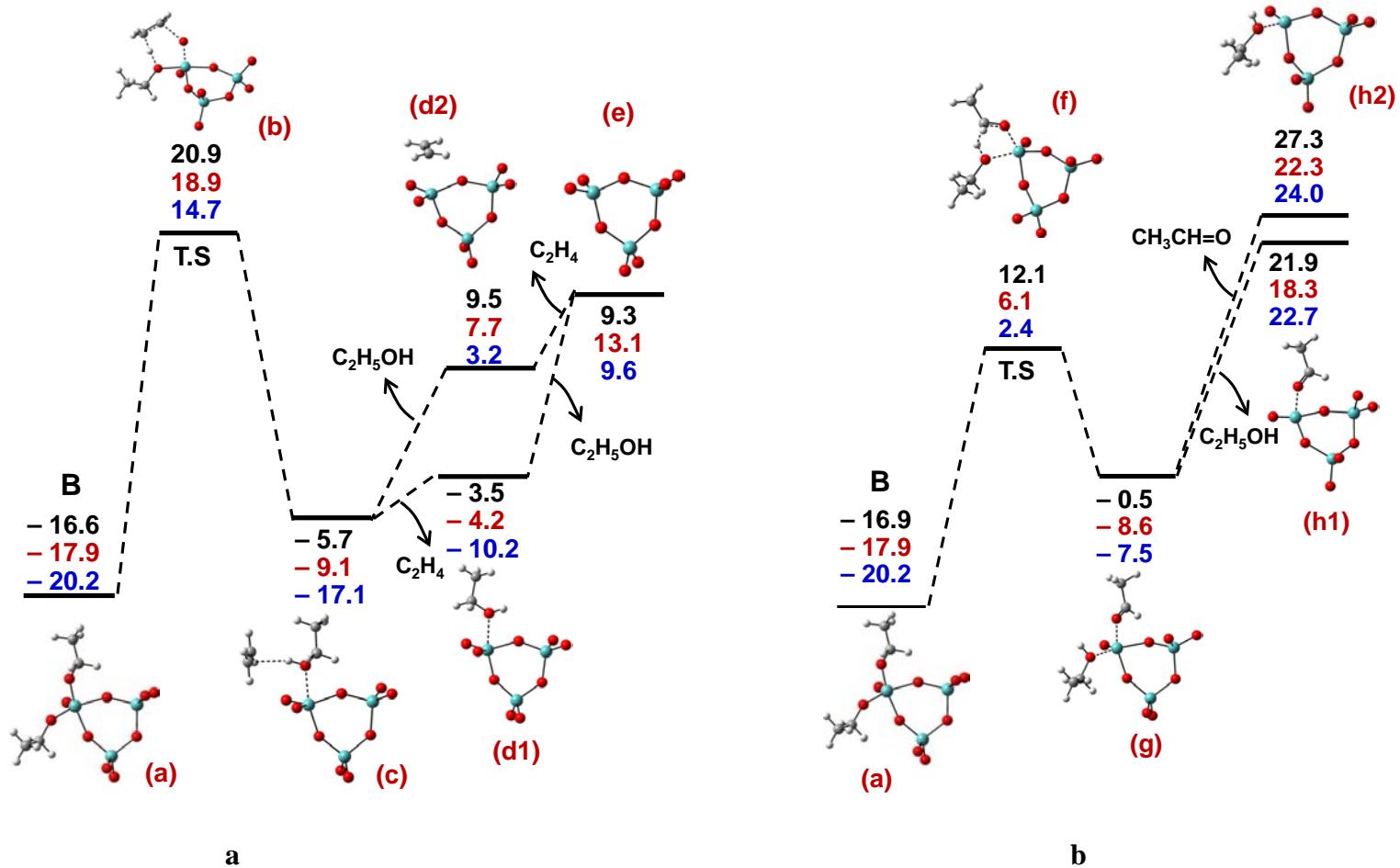
**Figure S7.** DFT with the B3LYP functional and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the H/D exchange reaction for ethanol regeneration from the intermediate A of the reaction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{MO}_3)_3$ . M = Mo is shown in Figure S9a and M = W is shown in Figure S9b. Note that the overall catalytic process is endothermic. See Figure S3 and S4 legends. This reaction completes the catalytic cycle.



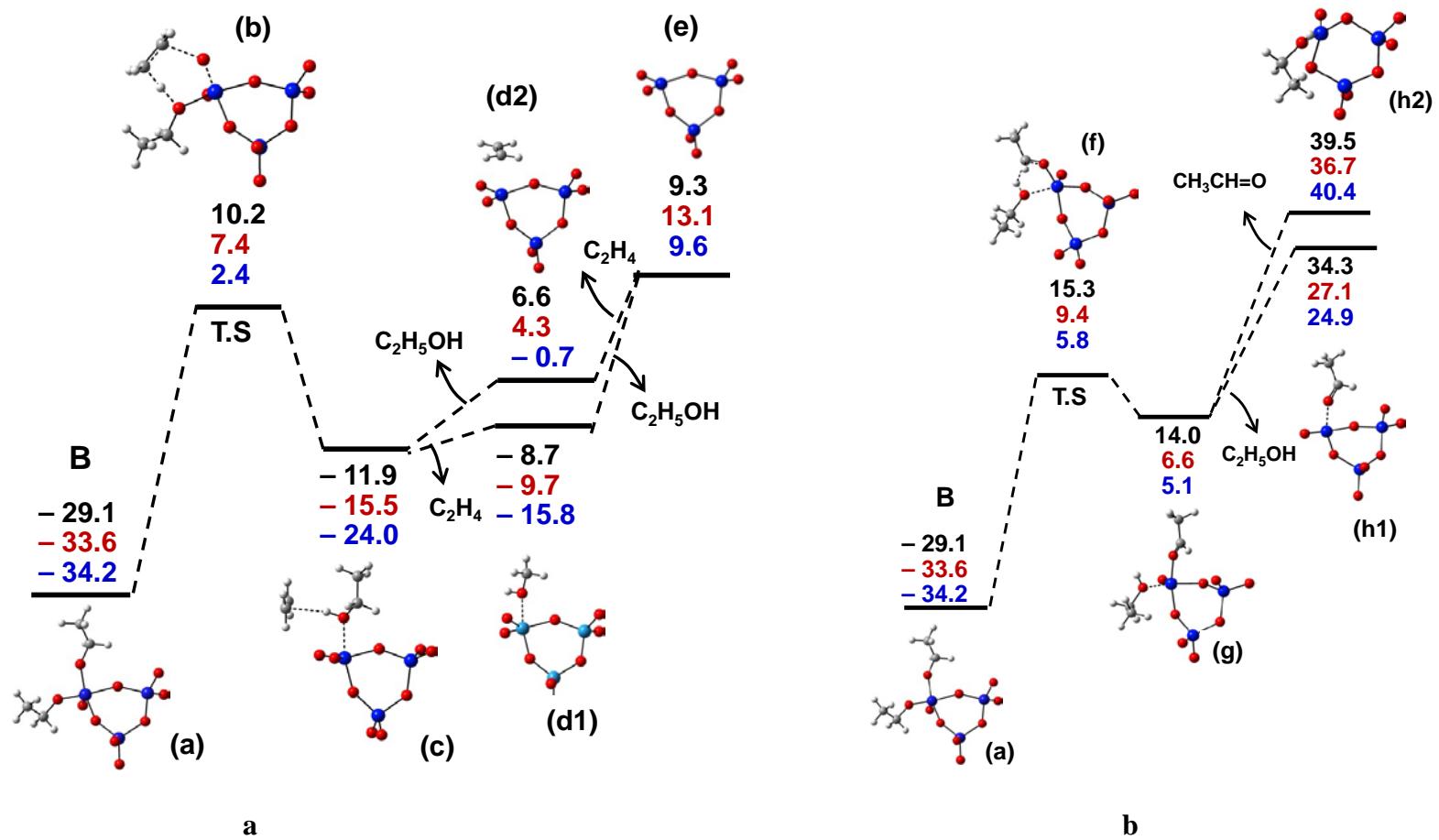
**Figure S8.** DFT with the B3LYP and M06 functionals and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the formation of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH=O}$  (dehydrogenation) from the intermediate B of the reaction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{MoO}_3)_3$ . Reaction pathways 1 and 5 are identical with the PESs for M = Mo in Figure 5 in manuscript. See Figure S3 legend.



**Figure S9.** DFT with the B3LYP and M06 functionals and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the formation of  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH=O}$  from the intermediate B of the reaction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{WO}_3)_3$ . Reaction pathway 1 is identical with the PES for  $\text{M} = \text{W}$  in Figure 5 in manuscript. See Figure S4 legend.



**Figure S10.** DFT with the B3LYP and M06 functionals and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the H/D exchange reaction for ethanol regeneration from the intermediate B of the reaction of C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OD + (MoO<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.  $\beta$  hydrogen transfer to Mo–OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> to regenerate CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH is shown in Figure S12a and  $\alpha$  hydrogen transfer to Mo–OCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>3</sub> to regenerate CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH is shown in Figure S12b. See Figure S3 legend. The reaction in Figure S12a completes the catalytic cycle. The dehydration reaction, CH<sub>3</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>OH → C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> + H<sub>2</sub>O, is endothermic by 10.8 kcal/mol from experiment (at 298K) and 9.6 kcal/mol at the CCSD(T)/aD//B3LYP/aD level.



**Figure S11.** DFT with the B3LYP and M06 functionals and CCSD(T) potential energy surfaces in kcal/mol for the H/D exchange reaction for ethanol regeneration from the intermediate B of the reaction of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OD} + (\text{WO}_3)_3$ .  $\beta$  hydrogen transfer to  $\text{W}-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$  to regenerate  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  is shown in Figure S13a and  $\alpha$  hydrogen transfer to  $\text{W}-\text{OCH}_2\text{CH}_3$  to regenerate  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$  is shown in Figure S13b. See Figure S4 legend. The reaction in Figure S13a completes the catalytic cycle.

**Table SI-1.** Cartesian x,y,z Coordinates in Å for Optimized Geometries, Zero Point Energies (ZPE, a.u.) and Electronic Energies at 0 K ( $E_{B,0K}$ , a.u.) at the B3LYP/ aug-cc-pVDZ-PP (aD) Level. Single Point Electronic Energies at 0 K ( $E_{m,0K}$ , a.u.) at the M06/aD//B3LYP/aD and CCSD(T)/aD//B3LYP/aD Levels.

C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH ZPE=0.079398       $E_{B,0K}=-155.0650856$   $E_{m,0K}=-154.9545058$   $E_{C,0K}=-154.6657354$

C	1.224010	-0.224406	0.000007
C	-0.080617	0.551304	0.000011
H	2.078258	0.467443	0.000003
H	1.292666	-0.863689	0.890737
H	1.292656	-0.863683	-0.890728
H	-0.141176	1.197961	0.892712
H	-0.141150	1.198004	-0.892661
O	-1.155940	-0.397030	-0.000031
H	-1.994087	0.078813	0.000075

CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O ZPE=0.054974       $E_{B,0K}=-153.853211$   $E_{m,0K}=-153.747735$   $E_{C,0K}=-153.4624191$

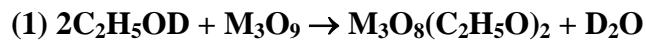
C	-0.231462	0.398687	-0.000002
C	1.169175	-0.150061	0.000001
H	1.160975	-1.245933	-0.000091
H	1.708584	0.227874	-0.882972
H	1.708530	0.227737	0.883064
O	-1.237055	-0.276932	0.000001
H	-0.307928	1.514027	-0.000004

C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> ZPE=0.050855       $E_{B,0K}=-78.598363$   $E_{m,0K}=-78.519575$   $E_{C,0K}=-78.36915648$

C	0.667587	0.000000	0.000003
C	-0.667587	0.000000	-0.000004
H	1.241155	0.928249	-0.000009
H	1.241154	-0.928250	0.000024
H	-1.241155	-0.928249	0.000011
H	-1.241154	0.928250	-0.000022

H<sub>2</sub>O ZPE=0.021228       $E_{B,0K}=-76.444643$   $E_{m,0K}=-76.406755$   $E_{C,0K}=-76.2739037$

O	0.000000	0.000000	0.116954
H	0.000000	0.769997	-0.467816
H	0.000000	-0.769997	-0.467816



### For M=Mo ( Figure S3 )

$\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_9$  (a) ZPE=0.031258  $E_{B,0K}=-881.642362$   $E_{m,0K}=-881.164222$   $E_{C,0K}=-878.7210761$

MO	0.000000	1.766326	-1.019778
MO	0.000000	-1.766326	-1.019778
MO	0.000000	0.000000	2.039589
O	-1.364399	2.628780	-1.517716
O	1.364399	2.628780	-1.517716
O	0.000000	0.000000	-1.724923
O	0.000000	1.493836	0.862478
O	1.364399	-2.628780	-1.517716
O	-1.364399	-2.628780	-1.517716
O	-1.364499	0.000000	3.035328
O	0.000000	-1.493836	0.862478
O	1.364499	0.000000	3.035328

$\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_9 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  (b)

ZPE=0.112948  $E_{B,0K}=-1036.730044$   $E_{m,0K}=-1036.148546$   $E_{C,0K}=-1033.420663$

MO	0.714207	2.031548	-0.007232
MO	2.307475	-1.049091	0.030346
MO	-1.321761	-1.003274	-0.065257
O	0.717072	2.965045	-1.422640
O	0.700697	3.087421	1.319778
O	2.205515	0.849172	0.044627
O	-0.775577	0.899103	0.042082
O	2.986805	-1.635643	1.466597
O	3.242802	-1.616334	-1.262012
O	-2.010045	-1.740565	-1.426571
O	0.507937	-1.570080	-0.143301
O	-1.921222	-1.765465	1.325778
O	-3.219413	0.220409	-0.065770
H	-3.096979	1.046882	0.423276
C	-4.522423	-0.375798	0.225670
H	-4.600897	-1.206058	-0.483010
H	-4.494516	-0.781630	1.245441
C	-5.630007	0.641713	0.036365
H	-6.597368	0.161151	0.236592
H	-5.527963	1.483792	0.736819
H	-5.640933	1.030164	-0.989866

### Pathway 1

$\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_9 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH} \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$  (c1)

ZPE=0.196348  $E_{B,0K}=-1191.809135$   $E_{m,0K}=-1191.130763$   $E_{C,0K}=-1188.121492$

MO	0.926265	2.016963	-0.171910
MO	2.237303	-1.173634	-0.218946
MO	-1.292371	-0.824062	-0.573250
O	1.209822	3.245161	-1.307038
O	0.792604	2.758154	1.354948
O	2.334179	0.711665	-0.245906
O	-0.615974	1.090447	-0.628857
O	2.448983	-1.764672	1.370571
O	3.400218	-1.889127	-1.221635
O	-1.962873	-1.081388	-2.101951
O	0.490637	-1.537390	-0.785060
O	-2.082685	-1.934868	0.445614
O	-2.970856	0.524332	0.074628
H	-2.829862	1.409155	-0.302683
C	-4.395444	0.178534	0.131467
H	-4.410501	-0.830310	0.544180
H	-4.856807	0.862496	0.850206
C	-5.060765	0.247782	-1.234743
H	-6.110981	-0.045321	-1.136408
H	-5.034577	1.264352	-1.642037
H	-4.576133	-0.429114	-1.941840
C	-0.733354	0.327705	2.916707
C	-1.334546	-0.716445	3.849059
H	-1.505664	0.968519	2.487721
H	-0.011571	0.967817	3.433260
H	-1.857568	-0.218984	4.672764
H	-2.042217	-1.355604	3.314843
H	-0.555179	-1.350147	4.286890
O	-0.068370	-0.285854	1.774886
H	0.539977	-0.969259	2.109026

TS (d1) ZPE=0.19097 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.770034 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1191.089455 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.07575

MO	0.496532	2.078021	-0.088422
MO	2.426446	-0.792605	0.032062
MO	-1.002114	-1.058095	-0.884693
O	0.700348	3.417843	-1.103082
O	-0.016480	2.658652	1.423714
O	2.127369	1.070660	0.034244
O	-0.709353	0.875915	-0.849683
O	2.570427	-1.401689	1.617689
O	3.823282	-1.209770	-0.826202
O	-1.338834	-1.260852	-2.516041
O	0.861758	-1.496017	-0.757911
O	-1.896456	-2.420504	-0.102500
O	-2.875217	-0.426625	-0.083571
H	-2.784866	-1.702085	0.097205

C	-3.848037	0.410997	-0.736425
H	-3.342545	1.327705	-1.057075
H	-4.222167	-0.102612	-1.631622
C	-4.989573	0.731228	0.222483
H	-5.729463	1.361860	-0.281846
H	-5.489476	-0.183421	0.555557
H	-4.621823	1.268423	1.101594
C	-1.195861	-0.077846	2.677833
C	-1.665772	-1.222018	3.565142
H	-2.031193	0.396780	2.164313
H	-0.652723	0.682212	3.246692
H	-2.335336	-0.833562	4.339503
H	-2.204677	-1.975250	2.984449
H	-0.822701	-1.706836	4.070924
O	-0.318599	-0.554574	1.607435
H	0.330165	-1.159196	2.007579

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (e1)

ZPE=0.193412      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.811819    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1191.12895    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.11326

MO	0.712347	2.096111	0.083549
MO	2.288165	-0.876399	-0.218748
MO	-1.301653	-0.878101	-0.832136
O	0.764368	3.558744	-0.777905
O	0.477570	2.432804	1.737969
O	2.272377	1.028207	-0.181592
O	-0.615686	0.960085	-0.533919
O	2.177561	-1.483652	1.391715
O	3.638276	-1.531986	-1.012300
O	-1.757235	-0.772075	-2.436516
O	0.699005	-1.258224	-1.039220
O	-1.496600	-2.734465	-0.563732
O	-2.892670	-0.359412	-0.029772
H	-1.218097	-3.087155	0.297207
C	-4.091688	0.297953	-0.481278
H	-4.138097	0.214181	-1.573433
H	-4.926875	-0.262766	-0.047151
C	-4.118130	1.756078	-0.033536
H	-5.056863	2.212702	-0.364228
H	-4.060831	1.832896	1.055614
H	-3.288090	2.314667	-0.471969
C	-1.245978	-0.582221	2.738079
C	-1.136890	-1.507720	3.942173
H	-2.285858	-0.400013	2.465477
H	-0.759392	0.379944	2.925692
H	-1.607108	-1.035125	4.810849

H	-1.639735	-2.460987	3.753781
H	-0.090855	-1.707521	4.196464
O	-0.645448	-1.186375	1.552008
H	0.303715	-1.362237	1.733310

TS (**f1**) ZPE=0.18989 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.776118 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.087851

Mo	0.81824700	2.11967000	0.12304600
Mo	1.96669500	-1.07774500	-0.24190000
Mo	-1.29646300	-0.50041400	-0.84891900
O	1.48356800	3.35168800	-0.82862600
O	0.30069300	2.80985900	1.58383000
O	2.04533000	0.73129100	0.43639700
O	-0.62593300	1.27554900	-0.79243800
O	2.37372500	-2.30781800	0.84938200
O	3.19075300	-1.11206100	-1.40708000
O	-2.16786700	-0.65712700	-2.27350400
O	0.39059700	-1.25781300	-1.32833800
O	-1.47025300	-2.51867000	-0.08097300
O	-2.73922500	-0.17634300	0.30321500
H	-2.34084000	-2.72705000	0.28283800
C	-4.16445200	-0.15634000	0.13528500
H	-4.39660300	-0.28529100	-0.93221800
H	-4.57373000	-1.01059500	0.69662700
O	-0.14608100	-0.99682400	1.11679600
H	-0.80449300	-2.04354400	0.74196600
C	-0.32563300	-0.59428600	2.48721900
H	0.38084900	0.22005400	2.69743800
H	-1.34182400	-0.18928700	2.60767400
C	-4.72369600	1.15212800	0.67387500
H	-4.47602600	1.27564500	1.73552800
H	-4.32443500	2.00703800	0.11402800
H	-5.81745300	1.14581100	0.56809000
C	-0.08806200	-1.75629700	3.44230600
H	0.92318800	-2.16326600	3.32052800
H	-0.20486800	-1.41095300	4.47930000
H	-0.81128200	-2.56710100	3.27325800

Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O (**g1**) ZPE=0.192275 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.79396 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.101583

Mo	1.00921700	2.08002900	0.31529700
Mo	2.21944300	-1.03618500	-0.33385500
Mo	-1.38970800	-0.50412200	-0.47147100
O	0.99289400	3.20714800	-0.95172000
O	1.14719600	2.92854200	1.77699900
O	2.40689800	0.82946400	0.09925200
O	-0.56342600	1.03379500	0.31592600

O	2.43126300	-1.99398200	1.05793700
O	3.30956500	-1.55604500	-1.52787700
O	-1.78390900	-0.12563800	-2.08082400
O	0.47596400	-1.11116200	-0.91795000
O	-1.96981400	-2.56637700	-1.40090300
O	-3.06375300	0.08169300	0.15983400
H	-2.61476200	-2.57200200	-2.11954900
C	-4.03099900	0.95462000	-0.42307600
H	-3.91367000	0.91882800	-1.51804000
H	-5.01806100	0.55459300	-0.14756400
O	-1.49269600	-1.88838600	0.89114200
H	-2.26005800	-3.15009800	-0.68468900
C	-1.53850700	-1.62463400	2.30045600
H	-2.60004100	-1.57964800	2.59316200
H	-1.09243900	-0.64303900	2.52626700
C	-3.86793100	2.37817500	0.09682500
H	-3.95446300	2.40868200	1.19013800
H	-2.89628400	2.79419400	-0.19530700
H	-4.65819100	3.00830400	-0.33418500
C	-0.80729600	-2.72763900	3.05211500
H	0.25064300	-2.75954200	2.76211800
H	-0.87041900	-2.53870300	4.13332400
H	-1.26126100	-3.70546200	2.84310000

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (**h**) (**B**)

ZPE=0.167403      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.352924    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.693633    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.809522

MO	1.678655	1.725630	0.118746
MO	1.663254	-1.701709	0.064193
MO	-1.543035	-0.000463	-0.581344
O	2.387172	2.765231	-1.019330
O	1.750085	2.462962	1.648622
O	2.499174	0.006092	0.127545
O	-0.082708	1.313702	-0.318035
O	1.597644	-2.414908	1.605536
O	2.448739	-2.770642	-0.992895
O	-1.929686	-0.059254	-2.212548
O	-0.053548	-1.285644	-0.530524
O	-2.621458	1.341763	0.096924
C	-2.612984	2.422078	1.029812
H	-2.954397	2.025337	1.997837
H	-1.568833	2.752960	1.139581
C	-3.509744	3.546961	0.540909
H	-3.155502	3.937467	-0.421420
H	-4.544724	3.201301	0.424841
H	-3.495381	4.364382	1.275120

C	-3.323216	-3.323273	1.387034
C	-2.611440	-2.774879	0.162717
H	-4.340950	-2.919905	1.463931
H	-3.388310	-4.417302	1.305933
H	-2.771214	-3.076566	2.303013
H	-1.585069	-3.162989	0.086770
H	-3.147724	-3.023244	-0.765160
O	-2.527452	-1.345802	0.244667

## Pathway 2

Mo3O9.C2H5OH.C2H5OH (**c2**) ZPE=0.194539 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.796466 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.094081

MO	-2.500660	1.088937	0.034772
MO	-1.289353	-2.177908	-0.031379
MO	1.131790	0.554864	0.007155
O	-3.171978	1.703400	1.467405
O	-3.292190	1.822758	-1.275721
O	-2.612636	-0.809050	-0.032721
O	-0.658229	1.410097	-0.038387
O	-1.379898	-3.128129	-1.431808
O	-1.444002	-3.198752	1.312736
O	2.151336	0.567206	1.360897
O	0.283941	-1.155342	0.036382
O	2.072420	0.586405	-1.409826
O	1.447730	2.812355	0.083603
H	0.728117	3.270888	-0.379827
C	2.737357	3.439288	-0.203027
H	3.028112	3.181618	-1.226283
H	3.430891	2.963320	0.491496
C	2.664297	4.942249	0.015308
H	2.369849	5.175781	1.041838
H	3.648219	5.383231	-0.172218
H	1.954554	5.414410	-0.673370
C	4.395068	-2.069369	0.573310
C	5.658411	-2.672885	-0.041182
H	4.032319	-2.698273	1.391086
H	4.604085	-1.074058	0.990225
H	5.453396	-3.670411	-0.440898
H	6.038891	-2.046819	-0.857275
H	6.449037	-2.754187	0.713273
O	3.303272	-1.997038	-0.356751
H	3.578988	-1.459983	-1.113991

TS (**d2**) ZPE=0.190993 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.758597 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.059261

MO	-2.367170	0.783410	0.214101
----	-----------	----------	----------

MO	-0.901882	-2.318522	-0.219162
MO	1.299791	0.629688	-0.060194
O	-2.922878	1.232820	1.753301
O	-3.326195	1.559316	-0.951414
O	-2.353676	-1.108080	-0.009566
O	-0.556569	1.190179	-0.010064
O	-1.055302	-3.275947	-1.611060
O	-0.734431	-3.344730	1.123486
O	1.881074	0.762078	1.516158
O	0.541491	-1.132819	-0.342177
O	2.313188	1.155932	-1.501281
O	1.511226	2.783704	-0.229063
H	2.063532	2.256352	-1.255531
C	0.545017	3.824253	-0.069547
H	0.139890	3.767595	0.946938
H	-0.283135	3.683436	-0.776123
C	1.216851	5.177410	-0.299092
H	1.618012	5.246903	-1.314938
H	0.484331	5.980214	-0.162812
H	2.035851	5.326555	0.409927
C	3.765217	-1.500430	0.894299
C	4.925545	-2.366934	0.425288
H	2.974852	-2.104134	1.343386
H	4.083306	-0.746642	1.621573
H	4.589267	-3.113830	-0.298733
H	5.716163	-1.762277	-0.033047
H	5.361592	-2.886629	1.284290
O	3.130666	-0.832996	-0.234089
H	3.780810	-0.341169	-0.763753

**Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (e2)**    ZPE=0.193615 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.793988 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.0945

MO	2.120181	-1.431397	-0.046727
MO	1.447259	1.943552	-0.213413
MO	-1.134086	-0.285948	0.682912
O	3.264803	-2.192349	0.942523
O	2.035454	-2.294143	-1.504640
O	2.559164	0.384485	-0.343165
O	0.430298	-1.370933	0.803613
O	0.824419	2.403627	-1.739708
O	2.244748	3.268975	0.485688
O	-1.674907	-0.046313	2.275081
O	0.060009	1.351851	0.833157
O	-1.104834	0.145871	-1.229602
O	-2.211023	-1.733639	0.223921
H	-0.876783	1.005756	-1.614881
C	-2.262194	-2.556609	-0.945497

H	-1.401512	-3.241498	-0.883557
H	-2.113735	-1.909861	-1.822569
C	-3.574618	-3.319567	-0.997562
H	-4.427029	-2.631638	-1.072952
H	-3.579056	-3.970562	-1.882757
H	-3.703206	-3.944375	-0.104779
C	-4.780580	2.417726	-0.526942
C	-3.999176	1.116296	-0.526278
H	-4.124850	3.269367	-0.747539
H	-5.564003	2.371956	-1.296071
H	-5.272695	2.592210	0.440852
H	-4.643848	0.252223	-0.309947
H	-3.490034	0.942144	-1.477927
O	-2.930223	1.151570	0.458370
H	-3.288000	1.264527	1.351449

TS (f2)      ZPE=0.18957    E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.785738    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.081271

MO	2.308075	1.208456	-0.241291
MO	1.230127	-1.944096	0.372871
MO	-1.278471	0.454871	-0.456457
O	2.981136	1.683200	-1.722176
O	2.970312	2.179971	0.980354
O	2.598046	-0.643235	0.084757
O	0.434097	1.335068	-0.251824
O	0.808253	-2.016874	2.029315
O	1.647554	-3.495550	-0.172947
O	-1.675298	0.464542	-2.090332
O	-0.216333	-1.255358	-0.538953
O	-1.586947	-0.161626	1.616075
O	-2.135483	1.993161	0.090168
H	-0.923784	-0.733393	2.035849
C	-2.149234	2.792687	1.277674
H	-2.339335	2.120490	2.125501
H	-1.132669	3.203156	1.388744
C	-3.189836	3.891561	1.153490
H	-2.978487	4.539380	0.293446
H	-4.195391	3.467128	1.040089
H	-3.173099	4.505265	2.064820
C	-4.661105	-2.476427	-0.321423
C	-3.324749	-1.970431	-0.838017
H	-5.440697	-1.712735	-0.437537
H	-4.957104	-3.367107	-0.892926
H	-4.596126	-2.757011	0.738594
H	-2.537849	-2.731485	-0.731600
H	-3.384055	-1.681482	-1.894509
O	-2.926256	-0.792621	-0.108414

H	-2.493173	-0.809672	0.955848
---	-----------	-----------	----------

Mo3O8(OC2H5)2.H2O (g2) ZPE=0.19322 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1191.819519 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1188.121997

MO	1.715524	1.686574	0.002642
MO	1.715520	-1.686587	0.002652
MO	-1.433830	-0.000002	-0.453369
O	2.537950	2.941633	-0.791252
O	1.478979	2.092406	1.655644
O	2.597268	-0.000008	-0.139891
O	0.075023	1.338795	-0.741702
O	1.478994	-2.092418	1.655655
O	2.537937	-2.941648	-0.791248
O	-2.014177	-0.000007	-2.024118
O	0.075013	-1.338809	-0.741681
O	-0.519443	0.000006	1.812142
O	-2.385121	1.409745	0.278684
H	-0.012398	0.778850	2.108470
C	-2.776313	2.707379	-0.187355
H	-3.255077	2.583435	-1.170975
H	-1.854963	3.293779	-0.321917
C	-3.707568	3.360122	0.819363
H	-3.212855	3.472882	1.792275
H	-3.990670	4.357082	0.454191
H	-4.620715	2.766135	0.951801
C	-3.707687	-3.360046	0.819331
C	-2.776335	-2.707359	-0.187333
H	-4.620833	-2.766036	0.951676
H	-3.990780	-4.357012	0.454169
H	-3.213056	-3.472786	1.792288
H	-1.854986	-3.293781	-0.321802
H	-3.255014	-2.583429	-1.170996
O	-2.385151	-1.409721	0.278696
H	-0.012405	-0.778834	2.108491

For M=W ( Figure S4 )

W3O9 (a) ZPE=0.030915 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-880.2015246 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-879.754381 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-877.1685669

W	0.000000	1.769351	-1.021526
W	0.000000	-1.769351	-1.021526
W	0.000000	0.000000	2.043079
O	-1.382087	2.635048	-1.521337
O	1.382087	2.635048	-1.521337
O	0.000000	0.000000	-1.728172
O	0.000000	1.496649	0.864099
O	1.382087	-2.635048	-1.521337

O	-1.382087	-2.635048	-1.521337
O	-1.382210	0.000000	3.042530
O	0.000000	-1.496649	0.864099
O	1.382210	0.000000	3.042530

### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (b)

ZPE=0.112711 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.297708 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1034.747534 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.877291

W	0.618812	2.021697	-0.001392
W	2.102859	-1.111882	0.006347
W	-1.541421	-0.950041	-0.022513
O	0.644525	2.986600	-1.415263
O	0.633361	3.055447	1.363740
O	2.075810	0.792739	0.027641
O	-0.912162	0.940122	0.025093
O	2.819588	-1.733328	1.429166
O	2.965137	-1.710847	-1.343313
O	-2.246647	-1.744074	-1.364785
O	0.278992	-1.562591	-0.094510
O	-2.130414	-1.673388	1.412466
O	-3.355798	0.309013	-0.060649
H	-3.242948	1.149924	0.406258
C	-4.690374	-0.260146	0.177146
H	-4.753201	-1.087203	-0.536019
H	-4.703812	-0.663405	1.197322
C	-5.758144	0.787855	-0.056493
H	-6.744371	0.332583	0.106814
H	-5.662124	1.627676	0.647517
H	-5.720081	1.173294	-1.083116

### Pathway 1

#### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (c1)

ZPE=0.196325 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.379948 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1189.732598 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.580818

W	0.598568	1.941084	-0.437081
W	2.176187	-1.068164	0.068394
W	-1.408043	-1.076159	-0.291527
O	0.753960	2.859516	-1.873517
O	0.429541	3.056423	0.858761
O	2.127851	0.791191	-0.287681
O	-0.893099	0.827905	-0.627897
O	2.500218	-1.344552	1.740942
O	3.357274	-1.875202	-0.871835
O	-2.008540	-1.834582	-1.701263

O	0.442671	-1.641173	-0.333307
O	-2.066430	-1.923849	1.047750
O	-3.277365	0.113985	-0.178860
H	-3.215794	0.902455	-0.743949
C	-4.599750	-0.520456	-0.300993
H	-4.637069	-1.032267	-1.266671
H	-4.613365	-1.263388	0.496359
C	-5.700351	0.514842	-0.146068
H	-6.671560	0.015129	-0.212489
H	-5.637185	1.018882	0.821866
H	-5.662175	1.266531	-0.942407
C	-0.452969	0.956898	3.173727
C	-1.886938	1.392972	2.920402
H	0.195436	1.827206	3.315315
H	-0.398883	0.319887	4.062886
H	-2.248176	1.959104	3.785035
H	-1.944276	2.044809	2.045116
H	-2.537529	0.526817	2.773596
O	0.047225	0.190832	2.035820
H	0.767511	-0.374936	2.367422

TS (**d1**)      ZPE=0.19097    E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.348088    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1189.69992    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.545692

W	0.427023	2.050973	-0.128511
W	2.213825	-0.905016	0.062677
W	-1.264683	-1.052539	-0.657061
O	0.639884	3.313244	-1.264465
O	0.025691	2.762534	1.381664
O	2.013770	0.975785	-0.016841
O	-0.897237	0.875560	-0.723484
O	2.368621	-1.438849	1.693244
O	3.568466	-1.447670	-0.828814
O	-1.682800	-1.317127	-2.279594
O	0.592921	-1.570140	-0.629538
O	-2.133246	-2.372215	0.230044
O	-3.091113	-0.354527	0.145500
H	-3.027296	-1.593827	0.388523
C	-4.091065	0.435064	-0.539330
H	-3.605982	1.351896	-0.887883
H	-4.440919	-0.122147	-1.416807
C	-5.243595	0.752248	0.404636
H	-5.996246	1.348646	-0.121543
H	-5.722538	-0.164815	0.760965
H	-4.894952	1.323933	1.269554
C	-1.244799	0.131301	2.787129
C	-1.725031	-0.935831	3.758939
H	-2.077227	0.619062	2.281627

H	-0.635860	0.893433	3.279873
H	-2.338096	-0.468880	4.536641
H	-2.325643	-1.693622	3.249520
H	-0.882897	-1.430872	4.255595
O	-0.438237	-0.452878	1.706833
H	0.204578	-1.062110	2.113584

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (e1)**

ZPE=0.193078 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.397418 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1189.748151 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.592308

W	0.723162	2.033724	-0.056450
W	2.051665	-1.068739	-0.100031
W	-1.545201	-0.866204	-0.596095
O	0.831885	3.384051	-1.110820
O	0.597484	2.583306	1.569982
O	2.196583	0.826640	-0.249402
O	-0.720393	0.942225	-0.455478
O	1.918058	-1.505399	1.579343
O	3.333152	-1.926646	-0.852293
O	-2.023535	-0.837037	-2.216537
O	0.409418	-1.417511	-0.837053
O	-1.899013	-2.682108	-0.219856
O	-3.076605	-0.175728	0.191163
H	-1.695609	-3.042887	0.655440
C	-4.287794	0.459941	-0.267731
H	-4.343022	0.339490	-1.355304
H	-5.115757	-0.089842	0.192020
C	-4.314290	1.930838	0.131921
H	-5.255105	2.376485	-0.207663
H	-4.251085	2.044654	1.217636
H	-3.488137	2.477357	-0.329275
C	-1.316191	-0.219540	2.864297
C	-1.128979	-0.958902	4.180818
H	-2.368053	-0.025017	2.654836
H	-0.773894	0.730563	2.856140
H	-1.493005	-0.334190	5.002992
H	-1.685953	-1.900402	4.189264
H	-0.072127	-1.173979	4.368544
O	-0.849555	-1.031284	1.737720
H	0.093137	-1.270090	1.896017

TS (f1) ZPE=0.18889 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.350654 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.562061

W	0.54424800	2.09531200	0.03144600
W	1.90678100	-1.03782700	-0.15969600

W	-1.43802400	-0.72059800	-0.62138200
O	1.06650100	3.32905500	-1.03020600
O	0.03439200	2.82359700	1.49620700
O	1.89974300	0.82503900	0.35506400
O	-0.87198600	1.09740700	-0.75441900
O	2.39696000	-2.15392200	1.04383100
O	3.10322200	-1.12393800	-1.37295000
O	-2.33423200	-1.01916600	-2.02791200
O	0.29555700	-1.40334900	-1.12233000
O	-1.44707300	-2.64970700	0.30787000
O	-2.86001300	-0.35343200	0.53562100
H	-2.28237200	-2.90781800	0.72013800
C	-4.28845100	-0.21862500	0.40358400
H	-4.57837800	-0.57886800	-0.59402300
H	-4.74281400	-0.86413400	1.16851900
O	-0.19648100	-0.93180500	1.29871200
H	-0.77958100	-2.08344200	1.06146400
C	-0.34205700	-0.44097100	2.65044400
H	0.33407500	0.41443900	2.77420400
H	-1.36964600	-0.07179800	2.78210800
C	-0.01389300	-1.52831900	3.66291200
H	-0.09371000	-1.12076400	4.68039000
H	-0.71331300	-2.37336000	3.58332000
H	1.00509700	-1.90526200	3.51319700
C	-4.69258400	1.23192700	0.61060500
H	-4.37371600	1.59092000	1.59715100
H	-4.25233200	1.87565600	-0.16130100
H	-5.78654400	1.31249100	0.54648000

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O (g1) ZPE=0.193313 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.374815 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.566523

W	1.103821	1.983866	0.278517
W	1.921155	-1.336058	-0.253645
W	-1.559946	-0.306389	-0.381275
O	1.586196	3.290640	-0.714537
O	1.045127	2.533307	1.898254
O	2.287092	0.517932	0.110198
O	-0.585314	1.324468	-0.263305
O	2.060270	-2.291578	1.170238
O	2.951343	-1.987703	-1.461204
O	-2.011485	-0.384889	-2.042324
O	0.174068	-1.320918	-0.831456
O	-2.425612	-2.439160	-0.581910
O	-3.208127	0.372015	0.160906
H	-2.466305	-2.562672	-1.544203
C	-4.352987	0.844225	-0.563243
H	-4.245950	0.532340	-1.612691

H	-5.229135	0.351162	-0.119469
O	-1.277020	-0.975240	1.381905
H	-1.843218	-3.129205	-0.232816
C	-1.229238	-2.008674	2.350413
H	-0.848246	-2.931512	1.880822
H	-0.483631	-1.713404	3.102079
C	-2.590255	-2.234156	2.996207
H	-2.943473	-1.314243	3.478951
H	-3.337100	-2.546169	2.253973
H	-2.508982	-3.019829	3.760223
C	-4.459868	2.356983	-0.442063
H	-4.535299	2.662410	0.609083
H	-3.588079	2.847430	-0.893559
H	-5.361077	2.697376	-0.970558

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (h) (B)**

ZPE=0.167117 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.932037 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.308838 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.279282

W	-1.543639	-1.718796	0.095784
W	-1.542697	1.719542	0.096202
W	1.714933	-0.000478	-0.444686
O	-2.139725	-2.646081	-1.215355
O	-1.771264	-2.602499	1.547546
O	-2.363438	0.000587	0.180045
O	0.262040	-1.310355	-0.136216
O	-1.769743	2.602995	1.548209
O	-2.138309	2.647521	-1.214667
O	1.870303	-0.000063	-2.131692
O	0.262710	1.310035	-0.136006
O	2.833152	-1.340443	0.164791
C	3.015293	-2.761549	0.212469
H	3.473253	-3.062947	-0.740277
H	2.015608	-3.214105	0.282835
C	3.885691	-3.140228	1.397020
H	3.413716	-2.841008	2.341700
H	4.024517	-4.230105	1.409116
H	4.872476	-2.665215	1.325944
C	3.888338	3.139293	1.394804
C	3.016776	2.759762	0.211386
H	4.874837	2.663732	1.323413
H	4.027698	4.229115	1.405629
H	3.417003	2.841289	2.340187
H	2.017394	3.212935	0.282077
H	3.474096	3.059886	-0.742076
O	2.833853	1.338666	0.165492

## Pathway 2

W3O9.C2H5OH.C2H5OH (**c2**) ZPE=0.195847 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.365498 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.557636

W	-1.623967	1.700027	0.158880
W	-1.604014	-1.735324	-0.155468
W	1.653125	0.009404	-0.014603
O	-2.003879	2.447787	1.656692
O	-2.099670	2.746803	-1.115585
O	-2.428150	-0.020923	0.009936
O	0.204260	1.335488	0.056483
O	-2.018266	-2.490917	-1.639064
O	-2.030440	-2.780501	1.137841
O	2.504147	-0.125041	1.481958
O	0.208906	-1.307053	-0.091220
O	2.577142	0.147576	-1.468212
O	2.718492	2.100638	0.244594
H	2.656146	2.391790	1.168556
C	2.551304	3.228960	-0.660960
H	1.528416	3.609573	-0.577297
H	2.687106	2.800299	-1.654490
C	3.580915	4.312392	-0.373115
H	4.596846	3.918891	-0.463105
H	3.458886	5.130056	-1.090569
H	3.453430	4.731652	0.631360
C	2.921797	-3.016612	0.806276
C	3.576012	-4.298648	0.311320
H	1.946615	-3.213938	1.253995
H	3.540310	-2.491118	1.539588
H	2.941302	-4.807485	-0.419062
H	4.550613	-4.098869	-0.148487
H	3.741520	-4.973002	1.157472
O	2.643003	-2.115812	-0.305804
H	3.453640	-1.942667	-0.811869

TS (**d2**) ZPE=0.19091 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.334231 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.52253

W	-1.830171	1.477980	0.173155
W	-1.356900	-1.917288	-0.172109
W	1.640450	0.240722	-0.053867
O	-2.238399	2.139779	1.701511
O	-2.498354	2.468491	-1.057616
O	-2.400781	-0.334550	0.015788
O	0.024076	1.328046	-0.025182
O	-1.776127	-2.804967	-1.578142
O	-1.502587	-2.941231	1.197360

O	2.225487	0.227839	1.548049
O	0.377263	-1.225384	-0.294605
O	2.761702	0.398089	-1.509824
O	2.466075	2.207519	-0.275479
H	2.843510	1.562404	-1.271658
C	1.902589	3.514639	-0.097995
H	1.520787	3.581792	0.925969
H	1.061418	3.653524	-0.788176
C	2.976990	4.570665	-0.340067
H	3.361730	4.510443	-1.362842
H	2.552016	5.569006	-0.192012
H	3.811179	4.439620	0.354630
C	3.286098	-2.506811	0.967281
C	4.117480	-3.697982	0.516068
H	2.339259	-2.822660	1.407486
H	3.815778	-1.879988	1.690447
H	3.570084	-4.308932	-0.206474
H	5.063237	-3.378243	0.064454
H	4.358868	-4.319591	1.383832
O	2.908450	-1.682164	-0.177627
H	3.678728	-1.446783	-0.722503

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (e2) ZPE=0.193732 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.377123 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.569715

W	-1.922237	-1.439630	0.044112
W	-1.212955	1.924818	0.165482
W	1.404818	-0.340175	-0.563422
O	-3.007483	-2.198763	-1.038157
O	-1.964036	-2.287913	1.531001
O	-2.360226	0.394165	0.287225
O	-0.174356	-1.426651	-0.663479
O	-0.628735	2.396974	1.721084
O	-1.950556	3.266998	-0.603715
O	1.955982	-0.212640	-2.185626
O	0.215859	1.288143	-0.806506
O	1.312943	0.161861	1.334674
O	2.451268	-1.779166	-0.021138
H	1.001672	0.994318	1.723035
C	2.504652	-2.577309	1.171140
H	1.646042	-3.264187	1.126520
H	2.361982	-1.910356	2.032703
C	3.817695	-3.336769	1.233758
H	4.669900	-2.646560	1.290074
H	3.828144	-3.969601	2.131971
H	3.942601	-3.979326	0.353057
C	4.811822	2.579869	0.561257
C	4.144139	1.221492	0.656593

H	4.075367	3.387474	0.655976
H	5.545157	2.679630	1.373322
H	5.349547	2.699800	-0.390333
H	4.865912	0.398055	0.565188
H	3.582776	1.097407	1.585389
O	3.145250	1.063689	-0.395622
H	3.541485	1.125141	-1.278009

TS (**f2**) ZPE=0.189689 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.367814 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.56563

W	-1.497733	-1.732944	0.220365
W	-1.475559	1.666799	-0.056173
W	1.459063	-0.193747	-0.571320
O	-2.551293	-2.826844	-0.561414
O	-1.101910	-2.381885	1.759919
O	-2.298712	-0.020016	0.352105
O	0.061274	-1.489685	-0.834860
O	-1.231186	2.701692	1.290205
O	-2.464401	2.504767	-1.170585
O	2.314313	-0.021303	-2.026761
O	0.137610	1.244255	-0.911804
O	0.549435	0.143406	1.457166
O	2.578522	-1.425064	0.246325
H	0.578127	-0.508604	2.170164
C	3.843120	-2.056865	0.000207
H	4.184064	-1.755150	-1.001146
H	3.651271	-3.139044	0.001541
C	4.844562	-1.678539	1.078658
H	4.483106	-1.979876	2.069915
H	5.795610	-2.193058	0.883760
H	5.028815	-0.596874	1.080586
C	2.986868	3.428429	1.519568
C	2.597602	2.668503	0.265502
H	3.889073	3.003301	1.977989
H	3.191736	4.475087	1.255860
H	2.169970	3.418316	2.253219
H	1.689410	3.082293	-0.189631
H	3.400282	2.674028	-0.482034
O	2.359471	1.271636	0.595234
H	1.533589	0.974763	1.359380

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> · H<sub>2</sub>O (**g2**) ZPE=0.193471 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1190.404733 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1186.599136

W	1.553961	1.686148	0.014651
W	1.554407	-1.686049	0.014111
W	-1.610776	-0.000257	-0.374806
O	2.359621	2.962668	-0.796885

O	1.335681	2.078508	1.688653
O	2.442507	0.000212	-0.144382
O	-0.107791	1.340656	-0.691611
O	1.336289	-2.078884	1.688023
O	2.360382	-2.962123	-0.797819
O	-2.223540	-0.000751	-1.950713
O	-0.107439	-1.340782	-0.691971
O	-0.644484	-0.000526	1.834907
O	-2.566762	1.399772	0.373612
H	-0.138995	0.781387	2.133195
C	-3.074761	2.662408	-0.085948
H	-3.517800	2.505358	-1.080702
H	-2.213810	3.338567	-0.190802
C	-4.086692	3.204463	0.907113
H	-3.627774	3.344397	1.894113
H	-4.455962	4.176930	0.552972
H	-4.941630	2.523614	1.006921
C	-4.087488	-3.203058	0.910382
C	-3.078120	-2.661154	-0.085389
H	-4.940853	-2.520853	1.014306
H	-4.459710	-4.174298	0.555970
H	-3.625330	-3.345387	1.895524
H	-2.218685	-3.338616	-0.194278
H	-3.524365	-2.501886	-1.078358
O	-2.566409	-1.400109	0.374274
H	-0.139005	-0.782608	2.132798



For M=Mo ( Figure S5a )

### Pathway 1

TS (b1)	ZPE=0.161109	$E_{B,0K}=-1115.290559$	$E_{C,0K}=-1111.745860$
MO	1.704662	1.700908	0.051393
MO	1.784045	-1.730258	0.013153
MO	-1.571372	-0.107411	-0.167482
O	2.195780	2.636335	-1.280720
O	2.002310	2.582113	1.474501
O	2.567847	0.002660	0.078682
O	-0.087343	1.247856	-0.082796
O	2.097615	-2.622939	1.426059
O	2.332969	-2.623176	-1.324763
O	-2.313951	-1.045786	-1.461543
O	-0.021474	-1.338368	-0.134148
O	-2.606314	1.429439	-0.343427

C	-2.555666	2.840724	-0.517759
H	-1.500736	3.133423	-0.616647
H	-3.071264	3.065282	-1.463418
C	-3.219303	3.550393	0.652939
H	-4.267971	3.243122	0.756022
H	-2.691213	3.333695	1.590467
H	-3.190266	4.635616	0.482376
C	-3.771018	-2.857365	-0.255946
C	-3.535474	-2.525415	1.084380
H	-3.079165	-1.994642	-0.895126
H	-3.286806	-3.762876	-0.632978
H	-4.767696	-2.648304	-0.653590
H	-4.252991	-1.942725	1.657454
H	-2.755795	-3.021774	1.658089
O	-2.314367	-0.811496	1.230528

Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (**c1**) ZPE=0.163062 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.326586  
E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.780583

MO	-1.829522	1.668176	0.057982
MO	-1.878652	-1.765848	0.200349
MO	1.322664	-0.145153	-0.611531
O	-1.816079	2.478439	1.551367
O	-2.584788	2.661570	-1.090239
O	-2.669590	-0.033231	0.194668
O	-0.091738	1.217039	-0.451241
O	-2.702698	-2.851361	-0.807631
O	-1.830397	-2.415298	1.767091
O	2.221772	-1.278621	0.594457
O	-0.159382	-1.394126	-0.435117
O	2.477734	1.267994	-0.209945
C	2.574188	2.156999	0.902143
H	1.587824	2.628893	1.036672
H	2.788664	1.556263	1.801362
C	3.655161	3.195579	0.653263
H	4.636120	2.720287	0.524992
H	3.427948	3.784786	-0.244067
H	3.708383	3.876771	1.513660
C	5.308801	-2.176560	1.107438
C	5.462678	-1.435645	0.002584
H	3.197354	-1.355648	0.588677
H	5.026366	-3.229376	1.056189
H	5.479165	-1.763565	2.103131
H	5.763786	-0.388029	0.052683
H	5.312558	-1.854262	-0.994001
O	1.812450	-0.429869	-2.188100

Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (**d**) (**A**)

ZPE=0.111406 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1036.72078 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1033.401804

MO	0.556327	2.022903	-0.197569
MO	2.112005	-1.006069	0.304808
MO	-1.453722	-1.032919	-0.508834
O	0.806158	3.124369	-1.460550
O	0.171935	2.891201	1.210985
O	2.054125	0.885500	0.071781
O	-0.814474	0.809521	-0.589082
O	2.319490	-1.415453	1.937224
O	3.354863	-1.726511	-0.592643
O	-1.805658	-1.592436	-2.048046
O	0.417210	-1.502980	-0.317522
O	-1.665024	-2.420971	0.793199
O	-3.125727	-0.393023	-0.004408
H	-2.553290	-2.773486	0.942906
C	-3.795799	0.047870	1.177206
H	-4.870236	-0.078005	0.984144
H	-3.503354	-0.619997	2.004155
C	-3.469337	1.499149	1.509620
H	-2.408504	1.633768	1.753564
H	-3.727135	2.156983	0.670702
H	-4.063451	1.800448	2.383086

## Pathway 2

TS **(b2)** ZPE=0.160962 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.272022 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.732567

MO	0.155207	2.270402	0.345542
MO	2.349025	-0.239185	-0.391975
MO	-1.355068	-1.028614	-0.325744
O	-0.164379	3.741290	-0.442562
O	0.002756	2.498741	2.025351
O	1.878512	1.583597	-0.081826
O	-0.981183	0.923646	-0.235304
O	3.123464	-0.953054	0.967920
O	3.340649	-0.434004	-1.761960
O	-1.645997	-1.639516	-1.876163
O	0.739463	-1.055331	-0.612929
O	-3.094418	-0.572574	0.184768
C	-4.081383	0.219841	-0.479891
H	-4.213374	-0.181854	-1.497986
H	-3.689154	1.245492	-0.563399
C	-5.382946	0.192482	0.304152
H	-5.237088	0.596494	1.314272
H	-6.132532	0.808213	-0.212530
H	-5.769593	-0.831681	0.384821

C	1.290308	-3.350710	2.057867
C	0.742182	-3.836801	0.870516
H	0.302394	-2.675834	1.871251
H	1.116224	-3.896841	2.985685
H	2.125198	-2.645188	2.001875
H	1.000996	-3.383382	-0.087295
H	0.004564	-4.640076	0.866321
O	-1.096551	-2.324488	0.839278

Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (**c2**)

ZPE=0.163011

E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.326612

E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.781516

MO	1.812482	1.679593	0.065828
MO	1.894963	-1.754718	0.206851
MO	-1.316980	-0.162760	-0.625476
O	2.569789	2.682953	-1.072419
O	1.774814	2.486638	1.560656
O	2.667445	-0.014142	0.208688
O	0.085276	1.212189	-0.462861
O	1.852616	-2.411839	1.770458
O	2.731842	-2.826640	-0.804976
O	-1.792016	-0.460546	-2.204228
O	0.172114	-1.398853	-0.429177
O	-2.486400	1.243026	-0.241043
C	-2.598555	2.141262	0.862231
H	-2.824978	1.547405	1.763129
H	-1.614339	2.614598	1.006618
C	-3.676603	3.176920	0.589899
H	-3.435541	3.761520	-0.306784
H	-4.654559	2.699450	0.448165
H	-3.744552	3.862973	1.445358
C	-5.401631	-1.761344	-0.048843
C	-5.362523	-1.834743	1.287479
H	-3.192777	-1.361891	0.586369
H	-5.180774	-2.626437	-0.675941
H	-5.673897	-0.839380	-0.564833
H	-5.605406	-0.975950	1.915315
H	-5.108459	-2.761997	1.803244
O	-2.216527	-1.295497	0.581432

For M=W ( Figure S6b )

Pathway 1

TS	<b>(b1)</b>	ZPE=0.16109	E <sub>B,0K</sub> =-1113.870823	E <sub>C,0K</sub> =-1110.2176
W		1.584561	1.665057	0.007221
W		1.542349	-1.768090	0.053255

W	-1.756116	-0.036255	-0.204577
O	2.144081	2.616379	-1.307715
O	1.861599	2.513601	1.473847
O	2.400956	-0.062715	0.026517
O	-0.225558	1.281170	-0.180375
O	1.739566	-2.555536	1.566898
O	2.116888	-2.795501	-1.196400
O	-2.598564	-0.965263	-1.454771
O	-0.243203	-1.312446	-0.217161
O	-2.744406	1.530501	-0.373676
C	-2.707287	2.958284	-0.333895
H	-1.691880	3.283190	-0.600252
H	-3.402107	3.314690	-1.107239
C	-3.106302	3.484176	1.035579
H	-4.119982	3.156667	1.298530
H	-2.407307	3.132524	1.804839
H	-3.087325	4.583847	1.029383
C	-4.124244	-2.664684	-0.174729
C	-3.847145	-2.315605	1.153948
H	-3.402632	-1.866880	-0.843399
H	-3.713690	-3.614293	-0.530105
H	-5.111738	-2.398244	-0.561217
H	-4.503213	-1.654895	1.715558
H	-3.101121	-2.853341	1.734775
O	-2.474846	-0.693805	1.242478

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (c1) ZPE=0.162802 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.906575 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.255894

W	-1.697522	1.634485	0.007180
W	-1.598260	-1.795306	0.169404
W	1.598636	-0.032782	-0.431748
O	-1.911121	2.537221	1.449318
O	-2.345857	2.521644	-1.306305
O	-2.474098	-0.101109	0.141905
O	0.114623	1.262360	-0.250509
O	-2.283799	-2.891923	-0.952318
O	-1.656325	-2.491589	1.733543
O	2.580633	-1.226922	0.634213
O	0.157977	-1.344631	-0.292226
O	2.667760	1.410667	0.061952
C	2.731163	2.337450	1.151592
H	1.724299	2.762140	1.283160
H	2.990324	1.773906	2.061493
C	3.754770	3.419826	0.857842
H	4.755304	2.988940	0.724126
H	3.484657	3.974358	-0.049693

H	3.788807	4.124716	1.699900
C	5.570570	-2.406824	0.856393
C	5.789036	-1.374345	0.032177
H	3.548790	-1.359118	0.588899
H	5.252468	-3.380897	0.481603
H	5.721042	-2.321979	1.933730
H	6.127330	-0.406541	0.405580
H	5.658639	-1.464851	-1.047336
O	2.083201	-0.203302	-2.042988

### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (**d**) (A)

ZPE=0.110809 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.301639 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.872335

W	0.510277	2.026465	-0.091054
W	2.060653	-1.035135	0.193826
W	-1.598250	-1.011007	-0.316322
O	0.654920	3.069757	-1.440010
O	0.284141	2.971378	1.320916
O	2.012561	0.866958	0.075559
O	-0.919157	0.835651	-0.298198
O	2.546883	-1.547125	1.753172
O	3.115372	-1.720562	-0.965489
O	-1.965597	-1.491180	-1.895573
O	0.273288	-1.498376	-0.140201
O	-1.876714	-2.476121	0.864077
O	-3.222146	-0.255729	0.183050
H	-2.753989	-2.849117	1.018599
C	-3.724061	0.573431	1.239433
H	-3.047993	1.437636	1.326686
H	-3.670186	-0.002577	2.176532
C	-5.146498	1.005664	0.932737
H	-5.810978	0.136604	0.844846
H	-5.514285	1.644358	1.747563
H	-5.185863	1.577376	-0.002947

### Pathway 2

TS (**b2**) ZPE=0.160808 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.851045 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.200769

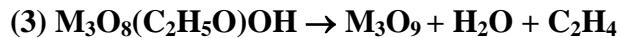
W	0.467517	2.195502	0.250916
W	2.129829	-0.752395	-0.258627
W	-1.626342	-0.844442	-0.286307
O	0.444207	3.556891	-0.792180
O	0.345407	2.729834	1.877958
O	2.036839	1.134501	0.007234
O	-0.911885	1.017760	-0.147966

O	2.618732	-1.593651	1.176155
O	3.164742	-1.195184	-1.555712
O	-2.063865	-1.378008	-1.847363
O	0.399648	-1.220158	-0.613173
O	-3.251293	-0.106079	0.262966
C	-4.187594	0.776054	-0.366765
H	-4.373879	0.401611	-1.385813
H	-3.716908	1.768096	-0.442750
C	-5.468026	0.839749	0.447891
H	-5.266075	1.208826	1.461795
H	-6.176244	1.525601	-0.037883
H	-5.935894	-0.150791	0.518377
C	0.424786	-3.672658	2.203031
C	-0.126701	-4.036768	0.974683
H	-0.406779	-2.820264	1.967241
H	0.090965	-4.183775	3.106634
H	1.378771	-3.137235	2.211291
H	0.277642	-3.645268	0.040967
H	-1.002351	-4.682888	0.906983
O	-1.604820	-2.198834	0.864260

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (**c2**) ZPE=0.163041 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.909364 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.256407

W	-0.817534	-2.153144	0.292822
W	-2.001246	1.029147	-0.205549
W	1.688408	0.497876	-0.338793
O	-1.024483	-3.491795	-0.754544
O	-0.759861	-2.718516	1.909626
O	-2.189421	-0.852234	0.072815
O	0.745658	-1.208431	-0.122141
O	-2.676006	1.949041	1.077391
O	-2.713655	1.527085	-1.681974
O	1.981444	0.691935	-1.994700
O	-0.157419	1.250845	-0.238255
O	3.217284	-0.373932	0.205087
C	4.199638	-1.322994	-0.234847
H	4.396389	-1.126074	-1.298947
H	3.741770	-2.318302	-0.137624
C	5.456377	-1.204692	0.607798
H	5.236506	-1.392908	1.666340
H	6.189104	-1.948703	0.266009
H	5.902232	-0.206926	0.508612
C	0.049129	4.511533	1.064273
C	1.166553	4.865378	1.712185
H	1.638609	2.836010	0.771559
H	-0.750709	3.953833	1.553832
H	-0.114967	4.788599	0.021539

H	1.953855	5.442591	1.224602
H	1.324002	4.610552	2.761487
O	2.189035	2.050867	0.574018



For M=Mo ( Figure S6a )

TS (b) ZPE=0.105764 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1036.664559 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1036.0762 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1033.345914

MO	-1.806921	-1.563147	0.171216
MO	-1.327945	1.863715	0.091467
MO	1.617696	-0.353987	-0.530181
O	-2.654704	-2.423397	-1.020293
O	-2.029367	-2.350967	1.658826
O	-2.342736	0.256135	0.252834
O	0.012293	-1.396479	-0.242763
O	-1.317084	2.756029	1.539835
O	-1.908436	2.863288	-1.153708
O	2.066420	-0.911694	-2.057543
O	0.369867	1.215406	-0.289704
O	2.901549	1.227405	-0.535441
O	2.624982	-1.138113	0.666736
H	2.482806	2.073165	-0.306702
C	4.481836	-0.735031	1.443012
H	4.042752	-0.940978	2.412880
H	4.842573	-1.596826	0.891753
C	4.867361	0.570284	1.078345
H	3.925281	0.952188	0.312289
H	4.852527	1.318130	1.870879
H	5.697749	0.645456	0.375451



ZPE=0.109097 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1036.709834 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1036.122914 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1033.399521

MO	-2.086285	-1.433702	0.042066
MO	-1.218232	1.946897	0.011308
MO	1.450853	-0.568903	-0.092268
O	-2.841821	-2.179668	-1.278235
O	-2.654546	-2.171568	1.457758
O	-2.386073	0.442795	0.061889
O	-0.209835	-1.522435	-0.085395
O	-1.412156	2.951915	1.364921
O	-1.462705	2.884004	-1.381484
O	2.235668	-1.169010	-1.469896
O	0.475913	1.149658	0.007520

O	3.045936	1.058378	-0.203732
O	2.256364	-1.147039	1.284997
H	2.855425	1.838292	0.340302
C	5.604026	-0.758348	0.170362
H	5.271646	-1.278752	1.065128
H	5.417789	-1.250224	-0.781603
C	6.223429	0.431547	0.235880
H	3.968221	0.761705	-0.024251
H	6.430951	0.912033	1.189499
H	6.571202	0.941280	-0.659703

Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (**d**) ZPE=0.055917 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-958.1030075 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-955.0163515

MO	-0.529917	1.999408	0.000004
MO	-1.787726	-1.249890	0.000031
MO	1.786138	-0.780426	-0.000012
O	-0.647535	2.986906	1.370685
O	-0.647655	2.986868	-1.370692
O	-1.872414	0.646930	0.000080
O	1.075643	1.023078	-0.000044
O	-2.540915	-1.901492	-1.367926
O	-2.540879	-1.901561	1.367975
O	2.550696	-1.382237	1.391840
O	0.068396	-1.605477	-0.000010
O	2.550811	-1.382552	-1.391675
O	3.728741	0.600623	-0.000387
H	4.262372	0.363744	-0.773231
H	4.261693	0.365691	0.773518

### For M=W ( Figure S7b )

TS (**b**) ZPE=0.105284 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.240072 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1034.684246 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.811485

W	-1.623760	-1.595295	0.141288
W	-1.243946	1.835047	0.068776
W	1.794678	-0.291842	-0.428067
O	-2.371675	-2.506144	-1.104117
O	-1.911748	-2.370877	1.644473
O	-2.235959	0.206987	0.161394
O	0.213409	-1.387189	-0.158307
O	-1.313940	2.707002	1.548160
O	-1.786502	2.851566	-1.203788
O	2.242747	-0.771468	-2.000498
O	0.494838	1.243684	-0.239556

O	3.048250	1.293101	-0.286333
O	2.829343	-1.134201	0.717216
H	2.652876	2.169300	-0.160282
C	4.734889	-0.680743	1.546419
H	4.281799	-0.984638	2.483396
H	5.106005	-1.479817	0.913653
C	5.056664	0.660234	1.287734
H	4.077558	1.026018	0.549854
H	4.996634	1.350584	2.128545
H	5.869826	0.836571	0.582965

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (c)**

ZPE=0.109124 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.277519 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1034.721828 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.856443

W	-1.839090	-1.484070	-0.016183
W	-1.111815	1.920172	0.002786
W	1.669624	-0.488364	0.009325
O	-2.522117	-2.258046	-1.382518
O	-2.419326	-2.258170	1.396767
O	-2.234197	0.378509	0.005206
O	0.042430	-1.501840	-0.086312
O	-1.368092	2.902539	1.384901
O	-1.353510	2.874209	-1.400816
O	2.574854	-1.127191	-1.300771
O	0.615940	1.192036	0.026626
O	3.188197	1.147353	-0.061689
O	2.369167	-1.029084	1.476680
H	3.062144	1.878775	0.563062
C	5.758945	-0.636104	0.232650
H	5.818732	-0.822041	1.302398
H	5.252732	-1.386559	-0.369845
C	6.296226	0.463597	-0.322024
H	4.124461	0.831546	-0.003562
H	6.822316	1.204237	0.276435
H	6.256574	0.633983	-1.395478

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>·H<sub>2</sub>O (d) ZPE=0.055986 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-956.6692335 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-953.4715147**

W	-0.637787	1.963800	-0.000004
W	-1.628322	-1.374452	-0.000011
W	1.911994	-0.630475	0.000040
O	-0.825898	2.943932	1.388650
O	-0.826034	2.944041	-1.388560
O	-1.875859	0.512705	0.000016
O	1.041118	1.114181	-0.000113
O	-2.325778	-2.090247	-1.385907

O	-2.325913	-2.090358	1.385760
O	2.705694	-1.202748	1.408511
O	0.251084	-1.574162	0.000063
O	2.705777	-1.203267	-1.408179
O	3.690874	0.857849	-0.000481
H	4.242400	0.672986	-0.776021
H	4.241633	0.674940	0.776067

### Alternative pathway for $\text{M}_3\text{O}_8(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O})\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{M}_3\text{O}_9 + \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$

For M=Mo ( Figure S7)

#### Pathway 1

TS (b1) ZPE=0.104989  $E_{B,0K}=-1036.660668$   $E_{C,0K}=-1033.340031$

MO	-1.092027	1.952995	-0.022311
MO	-1.996558	-1.370527	0.148980
MO	1.607852	-0.518892	-0.197220
O	-1.169181	3.016752	1.296395
O	-1.389768	2.839295	-1.437790
O	-2.310357	0.529774	0.163287
O	0.598823	1.112378	-0.105499
O	-2.608008	-2.083191	-1.267562
O	-2.686226	-2.146908	1.493479
O	2.393338	-0.916668	1.323780
O	-0.155780	-1.424399	0.203534
O	1.668518	-1.927702	-1.483470
C	4.807238	0.036267	1.250662
C	4.801113	0.610640	-0.024487
H	3.609897	-0.465187	1.337352
H	5.395242	-0.874226	1.392518
H	5.248517	0.100567	-0.874374
H	4.592117	1.668911	-0.164217
O	2.976181	0.274138	-0.945409
H	2.396048	-1.883029	-2.118852
H	4.758560	0.713592	2.107730

$\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_8(\text{OH})_2 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_4$  (c1) ZPE=0.107802  $E_{B,0K}=-1036.691780$   $E_{C,0K}=-1033.372563$

MO	-1.371826	1.841214	0.154072
MO	-1.764092	-1.592607	0.265018
MO	1.563030	-0.150470	-0.660676
O	-1.313766	2.779659	1.562679
O	-2.080465	2.772784	-1.069531
O	-2.323114	0.252978	0.434500
O	0.387574	1.287842	-0.356224

O	-2.603491	-2.384569	-0.981767
O	-1.984621	-2.459913	1.708902
O	2.437517	-0.858474	0.816715
O	0.015609	-1.381670	-0.136227
O	1.473621	-1.190303	-2.238061
C	5.353781	-0.434157	1.977960
C	5.352785	0.507539	1.024602
H	3.362434	-0.573948	1.001985
H	5.719232	-1.444072	1.784996
H	5.714546	0.304235	0.015947
H	5.009040	1.523688	1.223244
O	2.852181	0.783498	-1.235966
H	2.115540	-0.964468	-2.927683
H	5.012747	-0.222144	2.992594

Mo3O8(OH)2·C2H4(d1) ZPE=0.054510 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-958.091279 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-954.993178

MO	1.163478	1.761805	0.014147
MO	1.265870	-1.690174	0.005599
MO	-2.024784	-0.076316	-0.124493
O	1.701738	2.775511	-1.230961
O	1.416588	2.547877	1.496210
O	2.012074	0.055701	-0.026513
O	-0.639551	1.301132	-0.190491
O	1.546197	-2.459490	1.488060
O	1.884557	-2.671371	-1.226572
O	-2.789809	-0.270644	-1.598668
O	-0.567408	-1.318906	-0.246364
O	-2.728150	-1.297628	1.149541
O	-3.139040	1.282263	0.581269
H	-3.632217	-1.168145	1.468655
H	-2.937000	1.809345	1.366640

TS (e) ZPE=0.051759 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-958.062249 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-954.968624

MO	-0.834488	1.909988	0.007865
MO	-1.537513	-1.499325	-0.062826
MO	1.912755	-0.450954	0.137707
O	-1.086605	2.837029	1.400396
O	-1.125862	2.895166	-1.338195
O	-1.937377	0.351842	-0.010536
O	0.901986	1.197352	-0.055052
O	-2.156622	-2.231832	-1.455077
O	-2.173447	-2.310698	1.276287
O	2.355249	-0.557397	1.750921
O	0.365229	-1.523204	-0.060842
O	3.104073	-1.402275	-0.822791

O	3.342270	0.804457	-0.805251
H	3.539108	-0.375509	-1.226165
H	3.038081	1.584177	-1.288049

## Pathway 2

**TS(b2)** ZPE=0.104492 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1036.645150 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1033.326754

MO	-0.035468	1.961465	-0.388757
MO	2.279969	-0.388238	0.402075
MO	-1.098937	-1.505365	-0.502306
O	-0.100532	3.247327	-1.497997
O	-0.888696	2.386329	1.050878
O	1.736888	1.404867	-0.000789
O	-0.789482	0.444395	-1.060925
O	2.332838	-0.623390	2.088161
O	3.791801	-0.782814	-0.264879
O	-1.593528	-2.087935	-2.004440
O	0.912297	-1.385793	-0.340237
O	-0.833970	-3.077590	0.543461
O	-2.506281	-0.989436	0.414808
H	0.002462	-3.555834	0.473054
C	-3.194166	0.647465	2.073473
H	-2.303606	1.255232	1.857682
H	-3.101719	-0.170308	2.789891
C	-4.394735	0.868109	1.389518
H	-3.859909	0.071882	0.666809
H	-5.307223	0.380919	1.737603
H	-4.500947	1.786762	0.810189

**Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>(c2)** ZPE=0.107190 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1036.700038 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1033.379346

MO	0.200223	2.013396	-0.377051
MO	2.229846	-0.603131	0.518140
MO	-1.169461	-1.359653	-0.651062
O	0.378161	3.174566	-1.596918
O	-0.581556	2.729705	0.952259
O	1.852818	1.227758	0.130418
O	-0.774019	0.523388	-0.957110
O	2.291818	-0.881679	2.192360
O	3.684539	-1.130032	-0.172494
O	-1.210768	-2.148522	-2.125418
O	0.751964	-1.467209	-0.224376
O	-1.317651	-2.633172	0.755517
O	-2.947988	-0.921420	-0.373678
H	-0.512146	-3.074318	1.058337
C	-4.258506	0.292184	2.312037

H	-5.203671	-0.245181	2.217814
H	-3.541104	-0.102608	3.033512
C	-4.004077	1.399710	1.602113
H	-3.328082	-0.399506	0.368720
H	-4.734612	1.805205	0.899963
H	-3.068963	1.952295	1.711119

**For M=W ( Figure S8)**

### Pathway 1

TS (**b1**)      ZPE=0.104733      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.241056 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.81093

W	-0.938538	1.941648	-0.027461
W	-1.867874	-1.369570	0.131843
W	1.772102	-0.548525	-0.202921
O	-0.971099	2.978745	1.335360
O	-1.251243	2.869766	-1.432563
O	-2.182187	0.526192	0.151311
O	0.734888	1.087529	-0.162362
O	-2.552165	-2.098387	-1.262244
O	-2.489384	-2.140567	1.532163
O	2.485259	-0.892253	1.373426
O	-0.019138	-1.439607	0.089088
O	1.960618	-2.021702	-1.395290
C	4.872811	0.160067	1.457167
C	4.931889	0.724923	0.181234
H	3.705127	-0.390886	1.450767
H	5.493931	-0.718713	1.649916
H	5.444417	0.225453	-0.637441
H	4.665233	1.765114	0.009022
O	3.153324	0.287258	-0.894178
H	2.721304	-2.029584	-1.990187
H	4.729737	0.839983	2.301690

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (**c1**)      ZPE=0.107589      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.271878 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.843547

W	-1.239967	1.820183	0.128864
W	-1.609581	-1.610038	0.204898
W	1.763196	-0.139416	-0.571664
O	-1.248501	2.748290	1.565309
O	-1.900750	2.764561	-1.134099
O	-2.207033	0.218850	0.352130
O	0.536631	1.284764	-0.301271
O	-2.401473	-2.430943	-1.076113
O	-1.845080	-2.481950	1.663015
O	2.562972	-0.887276	0.926450

O	0.185479	-1.375581	-0.154008
O	1.795565	-1.159271	-2.158723
C	5.453323	-0.608186	2.157337
C	5.306761	0.598880	1.593960
H	3.469255	-0.611912	1.198922
H	5.921497	-1.436255	1.622470
H	5.641413	0.804195	0.576473
H	4.861301	1.432748	2.139057
O	3.064523	0.865430	-1.032476
H	2.462462	-0.937234	-2.824065
H	5.134914	-0.804620	3.182402

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub> (**d1**) ZPE=0.053764 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-956.6725799 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-953.4666443

W	1.249348	-1.680518	-0.000002
W	1.121706	1.761226	-0.019546
W	-2.096914	-0.054295	0.046811
O	1.743153	-2.610665	1.349105
O	1.660105	-2.524286	-1.433352
O	2.000606	0.076103	0.022557
O	-0.586860	-1.337290	0.049865
O	1.531663	2.650567	-1.422135
O	1.496686	2.704433	1.356732
O	-2.594551	-0.144909	1.656548
O	-0.702094	1.283733	-0.040296
O	-3.290699	1.169494	-0.713042
O	-2.968003	-1.430781	-0.915892
H	-4.001355	1.676243	-0.301205
H	-2.605079	-2.321953	-0.997015

TS (**e**) ZPE=0.051054 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-956.631774 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-953.4305155

W	-0.863788	1.887360	0.001745
W	-1.442894	-1.544689	-0.038261
W	1.982325	-0.381030	0.084796
O	-1.212102	2.866778	1.357991
O	-1.120552	2.809856	-1.413957
O	-1.918776	0.293415	-0.013348
O	0.894500	1.223581	0.070165
O	-2.067261	-2.334960	-1.416564
O	-2.018693	-2.352432	1.350812
O	2.541568	-0.567793	1.673352
O	0.459804	-1.508248	-0.074878
O	3.142946	-1.235913	-1.003668
O	3.354498	0.978701	-0.795883
H	3.700946	-0.182874	-1.148024
H	3.854044	1.637522	-0.296879

## Pathway 2

TS (b2) ZPE=0.104376 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.224913 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.796531

W	0.004749	1.960753	-0.289449
W	2.182918	-0.585609	0.302785
W	-1.378600	-1.392572	-0.375528
O	-0.013278	3.269693	-1.397539
O	-0.758114	2.433295	1.199519
O	1.746769	1.261047	0.018101
O	-0.910235	0.514975	-0.939313
O	2.490013	-0.882103	1.966455
O	3.538364	-1.085691	-0.620955
O	-1.949963	-1.936814	-1.882984
O	0.634866	-1.457447	-0.226306
O	-1.272729	-2.986925	0.662625
O	-2.735834	-0.752029	0.564907
H	-0.542252	-3.608267	0.554156
C	-3.243972	0.919410	2.224854
H	-2.312583	1.454494	1.991754
H	-3.200353	0.097771	2.941102
C	-4.440864	1.236105	1.571503
H	-3.996584	0.399166	0.834371
H	-5.379444	0.826413	1.948837
H	-4.489579	2.163027	0.997713

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OH)<sub>2</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (c2) ZPE=0.106834 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.280592 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.850947

W	0.149220	2.007963	-0.296217
W	2.138741	-0.709235	0.383219
W	-1.414735	-1.327523	-0.455367
O	0.280797	3.098004	-1.608017
O	-0.473341	2.842204	1.068562
O	1.800847	1.149942	0.105264
O	-0.966750	0.564437	-0.704378
O	2.485823	-1.041850	2.027982
O	3.429500	-1.284660	-0.581274
O	-1.548610	-2.027899	-1.986556
O	0.515313	-1.499717	-0.104561
O	-1.571431	-2.709198	0.834629
O	-3.153051	-0.803847	-0.083067
H	-0.829799	-3.287689	1.054032
C	-4.349282	0.693149	2.501858
H	-3.679258	0.281753	3.258865
H	-5.342609	0.246428	2.432766
C	-3.982663	1.719968	1.722842

H	-3.503387	-0.219345	0.624276
H	-4.665940	2.145766	0.985963
H	-2.998818	2.185911	1.806198

**(4)  $\text{M}_3\text{O}_8(\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{O})\text{OH} \rightarrow \text{M}_3\text{O}_9 + \text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OH}$**

**For M=Mo ( Figure S9a)**

TS **(b)** ZPE=0.10776 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1036.68577 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1033.370382

MO	0.009125	1.972805	-0.236877
MO	2.384233	-0.486074	0.313404
MO	-1.022203	-1.466362	-0.352611
O	0.013302	3.140034	-1.463153
O	-0.679883	2.662302	1.151585
O	1.755847	1.292136	0.140860
O	-0.931690	0.445551	-0.756747
O	3.142862	-0.739340	1.802986
O	3.494814	-0.863798	-0.904230
O	-1.188486	-2.117420	-1.889973
O	0.801857	-1.532988	0.159358
O	-1.763735	-2.692690	0.738789
O	-2.787106	-0.768199	0.547889
H	-2.650985	-1.941032	0.974374
C	-3.830059	0.163661	0.211475
H	-3.442086	0.837705	-0.563068
H	-4.666584	-0.407161	-0.217965
C	-4.262543	0.940873	1.444224
H	-5.071582	1.634158	1.173712
H	-4.636944	0.264364	2.224059
H	-3.427004	1.524524	1.851351

**Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (c)** ZPE=0.112948 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1036.730044 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1033.420663

MO	0.714207	2.031548	-0.007232
MO	2.307475	-1.049091	0.030346
MO	-1.321761	-1.003274	-0.065257
O	0.717072	2.965045	-1.422640
O	0.700697	3.087421	1.319778
O	2.205515	0.849172	0.044627
O	-0.775577	0.899103	0.042082
O	2.986805	-1.635643	1.466597
O	3.242802	-1.616334	-1.262012
O	-2.010045	-1.740565	-1.426571
O	0.507937	-1.570080	-0.143301
O	-1.921222	-1.765465	1.325778
O	-3.219413	0.220409	-0.065770

H	-3.096979	1.046882	0.423276
C	-4.522423	-0.375798	0.225670
H	-4.600897	-1.206058	-0.483010
H	-4.494516	-0.781630	1.245441
C	-5.630007	0.641713	0.036365
H	-6.597368	0.161151	0.236592
H	-5.527963	1.483792	0.736819
H	-5.640933	1.030164	-0.989866

**For M=W ( Figure S9b)**

TS (b) ZPE=0.10731 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.25761 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.83090

W	-0.269714	2.034722	0.086449
W	-2.189935	-0.851980	-0.180013
W	1.396398	-1.201894	0.234689
O	-0.306551	3.090395	1.430696
O	0.013976	2.960662	-1.323781
O	-1.880851	1.019577	-0.070092
O	1.049579	0.717155	0.293793
O	-2.954656	-1.274000	-1.647549
O	-3.165780	-1.395791	1.111301
O	1.718828	-1.639876	1.840738
O	-0.443462	-1.592808	-0.085415
O	2.182487	-2.445388	-0.813598
O	3.187139	-0.490683	-0.558854
H	3.105529	-1.674550	-0.951956
C	4.199412	0.409801	-0.064302
H	3.683114	1.273230	0.375517
H	4.758374	-0.103173	0.732214
C	5.113608	0.836881	-1.198873
H	5.880666	1.522154	-0.811774
H	5.621382	-0.029931	-1.642768
H	4.547726	1.355500	-1.983378

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (c) ZPE=0.112711 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1035.297708 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1031.877291

W	0.618812	2.021697	-0.001392
W	2.102859	-1.111882	0.006347
W	-1.541421	-0.950041	-0.022513
O	0.644525	2.986600	-1.415263
O	0.633361	3.055447	1.363740
O	2.075810	0.792739	0.027641
O	-0.912162	0.940122	0.025093
O	2.819588	-1.733328	1.429166
O	2.965137	-1.710847	-1.343313
O	-2.246647	-1.744074	-1.364785

O	0.278992	-1.562591	-0.094510
O	-2.130414	-1.673388	1.412466
O	-3.355798	0.309013	-0.060649
H	-3.242948	1.149924	0.406258
C	-4.690374	-0.260146	0.177146
H	-4.753201	-1.087203	-0.536019
H	-4.703812	-0.663405	1.197322
C	-5.758144	0.787855	-0.056493
H	-6.744371	0.332583	0.106814
H	-5.662124	1.627676	0.647517
H	-5.720081	1.173294	-1.083116



For M=Mo ( Figure S10)

### Pathway 1

TS (b1) ZPE=0.163231 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.286602 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.636281 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.757327

MO	-2.006510	-1.299863	0.058512
MO	-1.259188	1.980353	0.228365
MO	1.452322	-0.338269	-0.820800
O	-2.675299	-1.493517	-1.484260
O	-2.679947	-2.477618	1.070259
O	-2.326739	0.416375	0.718652
O	-0.063172	-1.559671	-0.012111
O	-0.664469	2.732249	1.634041
O	-2.095928	3.112329	-0.723031
O	1.662402	-0.611521	-2.459394
O	0.034428	1.076024	-0.706391
O	2.625759	0.998895	-0.180785
O	2.343353	-1.821662	-0.020187
C	2.011065	-2.691174	0.940781
H	2.323064	-3.715217	0.724222
H	0.505063	-2.365727	0.496201
C	2.040291	-2.236998	2.382768
H	1.543250	-1.270880	2.521387
H	1.546180	-2.977720	3.017526
H	3.076015	-2.131289	2.736467
C	4.046841	0.932325	0.021578
C	4.456735	1.918397	1.109668
H	4.536344	1.177529	-0.929085
H	4.328905	-0.094892	0.292810
H	5.542886	1.886392	1.248259
H	4.170848	2.936512	0.832746

H	3.976517	1.671644	2.061121
---	----------	----------	----------

**Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O (c1)**

ZPE=0.166267 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.301702 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.657678 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.768481

MO	-2.094806	-1.197667	-0.016696
MO	-1.273688	1.858103	0.317304
MO	1.387326	-0.545596	-0.734901
O	-2.615588	-1.253363	-1.624890
O	-2.892731	-2.438458	0.816495
O	-2.548849	0.431449	0.772084
O	-0.169707	-1.800770	0.142616
O	-0.551072	2.480969	1.728147
O	-1.938862	3.107786	-0.625970
O	1.638147	-0.868079	-2.357945
O	-0.196018	0.676885	-0.617937
O	2.364320	1.006437	-0.127512
O	2.658123	-1.750045	0.228485
C	3.120301	-2.171925	1.323543
H	3.826343	-3.006824	1.266597
H	0.003129	-2.702879	0.455329
C	2.785595	-1.583145	2.657009
H	2.063478	-0.768646	2.572806
H	2.397274	-2.354872	3.333650
H	3.699785	-1.193435	3.124783
C	3.751070	1.157149	0.176824
C	4.300073	2.397922	-0.525812
H	4.322478	0.271507	-0.134950
H	3.861328	1.267202	1.266052
H	5.356860	2.541697	-0.272818
H	4.211604	2.293761	-1.611182
H	3.742447	3.286758	-0.217941

**Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (d1)**

ZPE=0.108755 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-961.422622 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-960.874628 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-958.267852

MO	2.015177	-0.906323	-0.400876
MO	0.531828	1.916869	0.232739
MO	-1.583846	-1.150751	0.521520
O	2.685623	-1.278535	1.108354
O	2.927454	-1.684913	-1.597658
O	1.987035	0.927491	-0.666855
O	0.180877	-1.769911	-0.536003
O	-0.360778	2.845520	-0.888493
O	1.066213	2.848965	1.552536
O	-1.744426	-1.987409	1.967396

O	-0.387742	0.389900	0.727516
O	-3.098216	-0.787403	-0.479032
H	0.125710	-2.613766	-1.011887
C	-3.766422	-0.066617	-1.532620
C	-3.995851	1.388775	-1.139268
H	-4.715604	-0.582974	-1.708951
H	-3.157063	-0.137904	-2.441244
H	-4.552906	1.894271	-1.934911
H	-4.579225	1.450081	-0.216363
H	-3.048253	1.916296	-0.999528

## Pathway 2

TS (**b2**) ZPE=0.163642      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.294074    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.640023    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.755977

MO	1.831444	-1.489057	-0.628381
MO	1.523024	1.689022	0.661089
MO	-1.540863	-0.170378	-0.108586
O	2.389711	-2.758216	0.350707
O	2.287274	-1.807820	-2.232206
O	2.490369	0.178674	-0.050354
O	-0.046813	-1.306255	-0.477052
O	2.065979	3.182789	0.053097
O	1.628839	1.706554	2.359641
O	-2.008492	-0.075648	1.633306
O	-0.189593	1.318822	0.096162
O	-2.511785	0.937604	-1.194699
O	-2.791746	-1.590473	-0.026045
C	-3.328598	-2.118434	1.084427
H	-2.765639	-0.907020	1.833399
H	-4.422894	-2.106253	1.090251
C	-2.655551	-3.317439	1.709426
H	-3.055963	-3.482136	2.713835
H	-2.852829	-4.220614	1.116328
H	-1.572408	-3.182594	1.773624
C	-2.464330	2.253083	-1.791867
C	-3.606352	3.111866	-1.267234
H	-2.533865	2.105392	-2.874277
H	-1.487071	2.683399	-1.548753
H	-3.563583	4.095756	-1.746054
H	-4.574831	2.657688	-1.494408
H	-3.523283	3.251012	-0.186057



ZPE=0.16676 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.321597    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.671052    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.771722

MO	1.346223	1.597582	0.939255
MO	1.844076	-1.356742	-0.669189

MO	-1.564278	-0.253743	-0.277893
O	1.825504	3.077287	0.240615
O	1.391841	1.725855	2.637260
O	2.445671	0.164245	0.333897
O	-0.367133	1.139174	0.358821
O	2.624337	-2.802567	-0.217435
O	2.054708	-1.058104	-2.341533
O	-1.573166	-0.302977	-2.183664
O	0.034247	-1.416127	-0.305440
O	-2.488229	-1.328455	0.856997
O	-2.957312	1.192141	-0.490184
C	-3.232268	2.287921	-1.025175
H	-0.878373	-0.859949	-2.578164
H	-4.192035	2.738638	-0.744331
C	-2.347815	3.010848	-1.985325
H	-2.013865	3.950916	-1.525755
H	-1.483994	2.411313	-2.268594
H	-2.923283	3.283319	-2.877988
C	-2.663819	-2.665082	1.374207
C	-2.868207	-2.620073	2.881614
H	-1.765990	-3.230682	1.102677
H	-3.528001	-3.098439	0.861276
H	-3.002416	-3.640514	3.255212
H	-1.999559	-2.181159	3.379035
H	-3.756458	-2.036945	3.138772

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (**d2**)

ZPE=0.108363      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-961.4341988 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-960.8818564 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-958.2679467

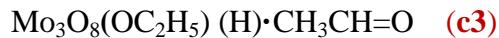
MO	1.272812	1.691320	-0.004711
MO	1.328372	-1.612394	0.302807
MO	-1.650074	-0.171783	-0.817961
O	1.772218	2.227807	-1.541528
O	1.526756	2.910313	1.150927
O	2.207543	0.082761	0.440648
O	-0.545449	1.189876	-0.083954
O	0.708648	-2.035726	1.834221
O	2.361476	-2.828758	-0.277321
O	-2.357278	-0.527805	-2.501115
O	-0.140831	-1.335811	-0.846326
O	-3.071128	0.005904	0.315742
H	-2.028547	-0.262763	-3.374168
C	-3.359887	-0.279060	1.707781
C	-3.388077	1.014966	2.511690
H	-2.600962	-0.974392	2.082875
H	-4.331909	-0.781652	1.716784

H	-3.627012	0.782493	3.554394
H	-2.416931	1.515515	2.483708
H	-4.149110	1.696890	2.123572

### Pathway 3

TS (b3) ZPE=0.163517 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.288875 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.639034 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.755155

MO	0.275661	2.146389	0.235763
MO	2.409045	-0.781563	0.112643
MO	-0.919472	-1.006316	-0.872962
O	0.618881	3.692099	-0.368233
O	-0.092509	2.222444	1.898594
O	1.900131	1.003246	0.212971
O	-0.292303	0.682848	-1.085843
O	2.770368	-1.400923	1.654281
O	3.759168	-1.006983	-0.891884
O	-1.434124	-1.714989	-2.308076
O	0.838894	-1.644670	-0.588457
O	-1.597828	-1.767034	0.684455
O	-2.736261	0.211044	-0.724173
C	-2.920478	1.105627	0.151993
H	-1.504480	2.194459	-0.045759
H	-2.546796	0.943781	1.172185
C	-3.984293	2.146528	-0.044703
H	-4.938588	1.704312	0.273347
H	-3.791981	3.025034	0.573405
H	-4.065957	2.423360	-1.096701
C	-2.687052	-2.612829	1.106615
C	-2.602249	-2.837879	2.610238
H	-2.618293	-3.558232	0.558115
H	-3.624824	-2.118428	0.826653
H	-3.427515	-3.483927	2.927271
H	-1.659346	-3.322033	2.876172
H	-2.672980	-1.891127	3.152710



ZPE=0.162954 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.29629 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.645566

MO	1.744559	1.889431	0.137354
MO	1.704132	-1.823107	0.084538
MO	-1.384345	-0.401617	-0.729129
O	3.289751	2.580988	0.060150
O	1.005619	2.489382	1.543390
O	2.149235	-0.023260	0.058906
O	-0.274871	0.952070	-0.566792

O	1.800765	-2.481361	1.648907
O	2.680695	-2.742088	-0.956958
O	-1.927399	-0.633625	-2.312885
O	-0.111260	-1.772108	-0.511766
O	-2.520222	-0.848775	0.678745
O	-3.047713	1.335876	-0.822887
C	-3.230776	2.466067	-0.368833
H	-4.133744	3.002011	-0.713961
H	1.139369	2.875544	-1.121840
C	-2.366281	3.190625	0.608565
H	-1.507145	2.612005	0.940421
H	-2.026638	4.124878	0.142858
H	-2.989848	3.487743	1.461715
C	-3.845531	-1.369535	0.894667
C	-4.021144	-1.719436	2.366829
H	-3.983521	-2.251894	0.260150
H	-4.561942	-0.602909	0.578118
H	-5.030465	-2.111682	2.529901
H	-3.298871	-2.480691	2.672530
H	-3.884131	-0.835834	2.996196

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (d3)

ZPE=0.105294      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-961.432287    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-960.877560    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-958.2770283

MO	-1.986632	-1.622357	0.023448
MO	-0.945359	1.940555	0.205138
MO	1.663447	-0.157016	-0.721277
O	-3.650684	-1.900593	0.128320
O	-1.274924	-2.404599	1.343606
O	-1.821359	0.320787	-0.037491
O	0.325854	-1.248602	-0.858535
O	-1.023114	2.479555	1.810981
O	-1.565475	3.153881	-0.802345
O	2.464821	-0.055867	-2.208299
O	0.868137	1.479218	-0.263807
O	2.834414	-0.710092	0.585947
H	-1.730733	-2.646156	-1.319804
C	4.195630	-1.148625	0.806897
C	4.798783	-0.386933	1.979294
H	4.763443	-0.988104	-0.115507
H	4.144453	-2.222251	1.012548
H	5.815977	-0.751062	2.156464
H	4.847261	0.684764	1.768112
H	4.210602	-0.542928	2.887079

### Pathway 4

TS (**b4**) ZPE=0.163693 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.283948 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.639173 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.751797

MO	-1.892468	-1.470626	-0.309220
MO	-1.354735	1.921642	0.255768
MO	1.475744	-0.102126	-0.525031
O	-2.753366	-2.043170	-1.655267
O	-2.174122	-2.528151	0.996567
O	-2.369999	0.328548	0.123950
O	-0.080806	-1.335572	-0.673413
O	-1.226169	2.459866	1.857249
O	-2.047716	3.174683	-0.649913
O	1.995538	-0.324867	-2.116175
O	0.314318	1.421927	-0.498570
O	3.083389	0.631424	0.061012
O	0.952587	-0.132736	1.654591
C	1.673951	-1.177287	1.853038
H	2.735816	-1.015645	2.100288
H	2.066301	-1.576234	0.343489
C	1.087123	-2.480958	2.327465
H	0.098835	-2.669064	1.909670
H	1.762850	-3.315733	2.125676
H	0.985293	-2.383923	3.417318
C	5.398380	-0.148776	0.134472
C	4.384592	0.776511	-0.529927
H	5.123568	-1.197775	-0.009958
H	6.381987	0.010638	-0.318982
H	5.474716	0.057865	1.205606
H	4.660166	1.826986	-0.382524
H	4.298253	0.577005	-1.604832

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (H)<sup>•</sup>CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O (**c4**)

ZPE=0.163787 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.307667 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.663481 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.775967

MO	-2.153352	-0.926342	-0.036287
MO	-0.470283	2.091498	0.041907
MO	1.303814	-0.837650	-1.110013
O	-3.540974	-1.329169	-0.924000
O	-2.200536	-1.747903	1.463061
O	-1.984257	0.950170	0.236360
O	-0.606241	-1.314251	-0.981046
O	0.145181	2.620574	1.539178
O	-0.871521	3.467099	-0.862587
O	1.584463	-1.291051	-2.696430
O	0.740818	1.033588	-0.918161
O	3.002865	-0.638978	-0.444719

O	0.666558	-0.410875	1.466123
C	0.384325	-0.795505	2.600735
H	-0.200494	-0.123351	3.253184
H	1.342635	-2.331715	-0.302583
C	0.760556	-2.124361	3.171817
H	1.261703	-1.983988	4.136789
H	1.382560	-2.700021	2.485860
H	-0.170894	-2.668929	3.371974
C	3.900654	-0.598447	0.666485
C	4.172833	0.849688	1.069533
H	4.819502	-1.103361	0.350347
H	3.451794	-1.160755	1.491298
H	4.888233	0.861074	1.898324
H	4.602413	1.408265	0.234108
H	3.253971	1.345609	1.391506

### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (H) (**d4**)

ZPE=0.106443      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-961.439321    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-960.8872602   E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-958.2811529

MO	-1.835298	-1.250572	0.331345
MO	-0.688949	1.958741	-0.213479
MO	1.615621	-0.842679	-0.653582
O	-3.096592	-2.149457	-0.357560
O	-1.735324	-1.613128	1.988806
O	-2.020106	0.631507	0.067407
O	-0.192012	-1.561393	-0.504016
O	-0.294467	2.757716	1.234669
O	-1.144285	3.113123	-1.368353
O	2.169018	-1.588246	-2.047350
O	0.761768	0.911634	-0.777009
O	3.138887	-0.223429	0.164517
H	1.744212	-2.010834	0.564924
C	3.769773	0.090733	1.416110
C	2.777540	0.497880	2.498275
H	4.475610	0.897388	1.190369
H	4.345377	-0.795953	1.705091
H	3.326259	0.747148	3.411902
H	2.198886	1.376284	2.198924
H	2.092969	-0.322855	2.733655

### Pathway 5

TS (**b5**)      ZPE=0.162306      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.282408   E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.629179   E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.745493

MO	-2.319640	-0.572676	-0.221059
----	-----------	-----------	-----------

MO	-0.392287	2.266910	0.301437
MO	1.336655	-0.766487	-0.491059
O	-3.736512	-0.670963	-1.143317
O	-2.330661	-1.806541	1.121800
O	-1.978307	1.181708	0.386406
O	-0.906267	-0.885448	-1.203130
O	0.124411	2.659008	1.871332
O	-0.616806	3.701493	-0.574299
O	1.730872	-1.615958	-1.890043
O	0.821113	1.123878	-0.540661
O	3.025247	-0.346010	0.235253
O	0.791357	-1.842954	0.900993
C	0.112076	-2.776815	1.595399
H	0.108033	-2.542184	2.664697
H	-1.363030	-2.280108	1.371320
C	0.302078	-4.211203	1.173580
H	-0.372236	-4.854345	1.746257
H	0.082311	-4.343623	0.109214
H	1.331553	-4.553502	1.350992
C	4.025854	0.435337	-0.445582
C	5.236742	0.608326	0.463183
H	3.595157	1.409723	-0.712243
H	4.300295	-0.084496	-1.373846
H	6.001159	1.200864	-0.050470
H	4.956270	1.125744	1.384698
H	5.665837	-0.363014	0.723810

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O (c5)

ZPE=0.165096 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.316034 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.667845 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.777663

MO	-1.965106	-1.435686	-0.036801
MO	-1.351869	1.880025	0.253084
MO	1.398746	-0.184891	-0.756579
O	-2.694385	-2.087683	-1.409641
O	-2.254630	-2.525836	1.483493
O	-2.544080	0.301450	0.289983
O	-0.187631	-1.264796	-0.353243
O	-0.884911	2.191579	1.868007
O	-2.109212	3.243677	-0.434739
O	1.827446	-0.167846	-2.378467
O	0.072214	1.301794	-0.739000
O	2.333845	0.704911	0.661942
O	2.637219	-1.856247	-0.325361
C	3.069195	-2.571991	0.593637
H	3.655881	-3.454526	0.299400
H	-1.641693	-2.637988	2.225811

C	2.844793	-2.335711	2.052831
H	2.279547	-1.421878	2.234466
H	2.330834	-3.206172	2.481841
H	3.815625	-2.274462	2.560570
C	3.663691	1.196557	0.815367
C	3.856998	2.540170	0.112726
H	4.386994	0.461713	0.430341
H	3.837341	1.307306	1.893335
H	4.872566	2.911446	0.288770
H	3.709978	2.440179	-0.967282
H	3.143477	3.275372	0.493996

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (**d5**)

ZPE=0.107562      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-961.4460325    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-960.8936533    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-958.2912759

MO	-2.010252	-0.911458	0.371305
MO	-0.362087	1.955803	-0.206903
MO	1.412982	-1.019760	-0.785808
O	-3.161560	-1.600563	-0.643553
O	-2.198269	-1.511641	2.156356
O	-1.968781	0.962355	0.290311
O	-0.349720	-1.457823	-0.182158
O	0.489827	2.309874	1.235598
O	-0.704898	3.360199	-1.102249
O	1.789732	-1.881737	-2.180232
O	0.634945	0.713087	-1.172175
O	2.711235	-0.868957	0.530503
H	-1.542653	-2.013237	2.665404
C	2.998302	-0.278934	1.820554
C	4.411434	0.288596	1.826052
H	2.893137	-1.080795	2.560115
H	2.258788	0.501827	2.028794
H	4.629693	0.707188	2.814046
H	5.145362	-0.491263	1.605778
H	4.510186	1.087393	1.086066

### For M=W ( Figure S11)

#### Pathway 1

TS (**b1**)      ZPE=0.163886      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.862672    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.248621

W	-1.752519	-1.483355	-0.205329
W	-1.180896	1.920041	0.191606
W	1.660683	-0.196715	-0.411343

O	-2.596294	-2.133271	-1.550273
O	-2.054130	-2.473506	1.169601
O	-2.231591	0.338940	0.113727
O	0.072142	-1.389945	-0.538840
O	-1.110028	2.544505	1.785194
O	-1.807665	3.141120	-0.833407
O	2.164693	-0.463694	-2.018123
O	0.516073	1.356907	-0.423624
O	3.253565	0.580239	0.141875
O	1.162953	-0.225288	1.740833
C	1.870333	-1.282875	1.952437
H	2.930760	-1.133595	2.207924
H	2.277224	-1.692329	0.429579
C	1.258503	-2.571350	2.428391
H	0.265991	-2.740313	2.011776
H	1.919089	-3.419213	2.231588
H	1.157772	-2.467394	3.518145
C	5.622173	-0.007662	0.244551
C	4.543470	0.807598	-0.458167
H	5.430608	-1.080142	0.143099
H	6.592332	0.209074	-0.213933
H	5.677876	0.248023	1.306589
H	4.734249	1.881360	-0.356870
H	4.471636	0.554378	-1.521959

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (H)·CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O (c1)**

ZPE=0.164079      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.884691    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.268673    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.241436

W	-1.701247	-1.466490	-0.144434
W	-1.145122	1.886941	0.033279
W	1.733190	-0.343309	-0.715952
O	-2.674687	-2.532397	-1.072377
O	-1.724906	-1.942051	1.514432
O	-2.245903	0.359302	-0.277539
O	0.050449	-1.385287	-0.732589
O	-1.213430	2.338748	1.695536
O	-1.576184	3.227726	-0.947687
O	2.069392	-0.407030	-2.371017
O	0.552512	1.237211	-0.349253
O	3.295375	0.336054	-0.053711
O	1.409199	-0.661788	1.743722
C	0.641622	-0.470979	2.691118
H	-0.188261	0.247648	2.598346
H	2.301462	-1.901021	-0.291307
C	0.772215	-1.168148	4.004246
H	0.800275	-0.426550	4.811287

H	1.651530	-1.812407	4.032333
H	-0.137688	-1.762539	4.154983
C	4.288883	0.533127	0.956974
C	5.656361	0.085049	0.456072
H	3.979269	-0.020869	1.847928
H	4.280017	1.604116	1.187301
H	6.402198	0.261919	1.237846
H	5.650501	-0.981690	0.217242
H	5.946960	0.644660	-0.436602

### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (H) (**d1**)

ZPE=0.106277 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-960.0113752 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-959.489736 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-956.742555

W	-1.825845	-1.227293	0.269721
W	-0.592792	1.969878	-0.172352
W	1.746567	-0.870603	-0.442431
O	-2.983846	-2.087623	-0.654939
O	-1.992723	-1.654708	1.922805
O	-1.961794	0.663123	0.045953
O	-0.073898	-1.547742	-0.312674
O	-0.336291	2.858953	1.273899
O	-0.927779	3.060888	-1.451299
O	2.273412	-1.618358	-1.866631
O	0.908872	0.907799	-0.533781
O	3.292426	-0.209924	0.283332
H	1.911231	-2.071349	0.761053
C	4.076902	0.229695	1.403676
C	3.217121	0.712376	2.565285
H	4.721796	1.025969	1.018920
H	4.709287	-0.617045	1.689910
H	3.868318	1.045189	3.379480
H	2.585146	1.554218	2.269439
H	2.586261	-0.095351	2.948693

### Pathway 2

TS (**b2**) ZPE=0.163678 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.862528 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.244301 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.221036

W	2.058081	1.027290	0.025085
W	0.605028	-2.030704	0.104355
W	-1.600459	0.288973	-0.393560
O	2.763598	1.699184	-1.385441
O	3.042397	1.375626	1.383447
O	2.076869	-0.917957	-0.306726
O	0.093128	0.425717	0.366465
O	0.532844	-2.295938	1.797005
O	0.941268	-3.541718	-0.621161

O	-1.764336	0.695727	-2.035289
O	-1.202292	-1.544492	-0.510321
O	-3.204316	0.267399	0.510266
O	-1.449839	2.404746	0.027393
C	-0.611261	3.002860	0.775052
H	0.999789	2.490408	0.230852
H	-0.310283	2.530665	1.715759
C	-0.410673	4.480609	0.626089
H	-1.236592	4.974415	1.157076
H	0.529253	4.795972	1.081025
H	-0.451492	4.775385	-0.423456
C	-4.616142	0.581914	0.476401
C	-5.412202	-0.563164	1.086483
H	-4.901585	0.765321	-0.563709
H	-4.740738	1.506627	1.048472
H	-6.476117	-0.305346	1.073020
H	-5.271657	-1.484072	0.514902
H	-5.109597	-0.740364	2.121640

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (H)·CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O (c2)**

ZPE=0.163678 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.877726 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.257311 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.231703

W	1.338901	2.035984	0.199130
W	1.720910	-1.648337	-0.012050
W	-1.555693	-0.551062	-0.534253
O	2.789185	2.914338	-0.033344
O	0.725058	2.498223	1.728487
O	2.002093	0.184219	0.024100
O	-0.512575	0.893455	-0.392595
O	2.041322	-2.362874	1.516865
O	2.686909	-2.415232	-1.206376
O	-2.162745	-0.773825	-2.115914
O	-0.144052	-1.794470	-0.427424
O	-2.589042	-1.194224	0.864002
O	-3.205514	1.055903	-0.390187
C	-3.022535	2.279415	-0.434601
H	0.476973	3.052755	-0.891221
H	-1.991630	2.655810	-0.511853
C	-4.139034	3.261548	-0.384414
H	-3.973767	3.937520	0.463912
H	-4.094859	3.886701	-1.285113
H	-5.109623	2.771835	-0.305716
C	-3.892759	-1.578676	1.340069
C	-3.840523	-1.843174	2.838380
H	-4.199396	-2.472158	0.786700

H	-4.583366	-0.764060	1.098772
H	-4.835171	-2.136769	3.189675
H	-3.140125	-2.650803	3.066014
H	-3.529835	-0.946886	3.382062

### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (H) (d2)

ZPE=0.105557 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-960.0013929 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-959.4782368 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-956.7351142

W	-1.911219	-1.541839	0.027599
W	-0.723144	1.979744	0.172203
W	1.792213	-0.273698	-0.578793
O	-3.606910	-1.725900	-0.000722
O	-1.368874	-2.294989	1.460777
O	-1.684535	0.412177	-0.079965
O	0.366281	-1.285920	-0.684789
O	-0.848875	2.551792	1.782880
O	-1.231980	3.213866	-0.901869
O	2.588942	-0.272340	-2.089462
O	1.095273	1.424736	-0.192273
O	2.926806	-0.862254	0.739673
H	-1.629548	-2.697926	-1.207021
C	4.199674	-1.471347	1.076994
C	4.838450	-0.721195	2.236169
H	4.828938	-1.451887	0.182043
H	3.981506	-2.509741	1.341412
H	5.783872	-1.207771	2.496263
H	5.048367	0.317063	1.965258
H	4.188210	-0.735138	3.114421

### Pathway 3

TS (**b3**) ZPE=0.164703 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.854647 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.232351

W	1.642710	-1.565320	-0.451329
W	1.387001	1.735596	0.467792
W	-1.724379	-0.156959	-0.080486
O	2.190591	-2.769808	0.640718
O	2.078270	-2.018105	-2.048381
O	2.346164	0.139472	-0.019006
O	-0.227523	-1.349722	-0.309716
O	1.928815	3.133905	-0.373026
O	1.504290	2.003440	2.161514
O	-2.195243	0.133857	1.670409
O	-0.343779	1.300668	-0.026070
O	-2.684265	0.835239	-1.283153
O	-2.970130	-1.537490	0.158636

C	-3.527243	-2.075110	1.251169
H	-2.911039	-0.597754	1.974072
H	-4.615642	-2.146138	1.196808
C	-2.785545	-3.168190	1.977830
H	-3.241549	-3.328545	2.959014
H	-2.840325	-4.117587	1.425686
H	-1.728796	-2.921712	2.116759
C	-2.726254	2.111416	-1.965831
C	-3.842844	2.978270	-1.402977
H	-2.883385	1.886649	-3.024646
H	-1.745270	2.579670	-1.838339
H	-3.867386	3.927547	-1.948040
H	-4.814253	2.488909	-1.515424
H	-3.673185	3.193592	-0.344762

W3O7(OC2H5)(OH)·CH3CH=O (**c3**)

ZPE=0.166779 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.86483 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.245105

W	1.657240	-1.455581	-0.516590
W	1.254789	1.785297	0.404667
W	-1.736953	-0.154518	0.003101
O	2.174435	-2.542363	0.715839
O	2.157179	-2.030422	-2.058620
O	2.328511	0.300627	-0.174538
O	-0.198456	-1.251976	-0.443590
O	1.777245	3.300028	-0.225159
O	1.215588	1.816475	2.134240
O	-1.777375	0.203913	1.871444
O	-0.443962	1.351159	-0.174316
O	-2.875112	0.473878	-1.268870
O	-2.712310	-1.783195	0.443333
C	-2.850635	-2.851648	1.108894
H	-1.223151	0.937935	2.195505
H	-3.704738	-3.477245	0.838484
C	-1.921722	-3.276771	2.198592
H	-2.471691	-3.377170	3.143225
H	-1.503416	-4.265234	1.968727
H	-1.109748	-2.562455	2.335942
C	-3.586011	1.469830	-2.031133
C	-3.582676	2.821808	-1.329948
H	-4.601433	1.085862	-2.167140
H	-3.094973	1.520208	-3.007220
H	-4.125674	3.545342	-1.946228
H	-4.078574	2.759249	-0.356891
H	-2.561915	3.184553	-1.188110

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (**d3**)**

ZPE=0.105557 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-930.001393 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-959.478237

W	0.550428	1.997879	-0.085023
W	2.005586	-1.106964	0.135701
W	-1.648168	-0.931340	-0.139806
O	0.576705	2.832556	-1.582804
O	0.524612	3.144551	1.189945
O	2.025296	0.799442	0.060871
O	-0.938958	0.859429	0.022913
O	2.532264	-1.669645	1.667685
O	2.986142	-1.809781	-1.083420
O	-2.166670	-2.591779	-0.785753
O	0.198707	-1.520980	-0.146986
O	-3.302213	-0.359482	0.328080
H	-1.759186	-3.268991	-1.340548
C	-4.296260	0.381259	1.045759
C	-5.536163	0.576065	0.181933
H	-3.845114	1.338269	1.328566
H	-4.523285	-0.185579	1.953949
H	-6.282436	1.141308	0.748963
H	-5.293550	1.134933	-0.725565
H	-5.969583	-0.386883	-0.100244

**Pathway 4**

TS (**b4**) ZPE=0.164003 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.83894 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.218458

W	-2.143789	-0.768940	-0.126855
W	-0.362841	2.181801	0.209752
W	1.497577	-0.836503	-0.455271
O	-3.507854	-1.009524	-1.122292
O	-2.249474	-1.868483	1.366780
O	-1.941691	1.039391	0.314847
O	-0.660937	-1.119283	-1.007288
O	0.114028	2.623527	1.799337
O	-0.611119	3.593670	-0.731684
O	1.998424	-1.673273	-1.850474
O	0.887080	1.049786	-0.565317
O	3.130476	-0.247301	0.313569
O	1.070185	-1.952298	0.955728
C	0.531596	-2.887554	1.739506
H	-1.399168	-2.331054	1.643557
H	0.444719	-2.564224	2.779162
C	0.824036	-4.324612	1.415310
H	0.252260	-4.978976	2.079480
H	0.554986	-4.564466	0.380541

H	1.891227	-4.564256	1.541446
C	4.053232	0.695100	-0.264795
C	5.091260	1.095998	0.776247
H	3.502371	1.575256	-0.621994
H	4.531684	0.217830	-1.130348
H	5.802701	1.803937	0.337772
H	4.612069	1.572681	1.636081
H	5.643337	0.219461	1.126737

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH)·CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O (c4)**

ZPE=0.164642 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.856961 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.235035

W	1.643007	1.619622	-0.023595
W	1.454557	-1.771934	0.201837
W	-1.638695	0.001447	-0.563575
O	2.279283	2.414000	-1.389634
O	1.841364	2.621259	1.567314
O	2.440465	-0.045490	0.175504
O	-0.108582	1.281496	-0.307524
O	1.226173	-2.206366	1.854634
O	2.287564	-3.009517	-0.658014
O	-2.201618	-0.033294	-2.165209
O	-0.127424	-1.284375	-0.595411
O	-2.465992	-1.260559	0.624847
O	-2.778092	1.427939	0.212618
C	-3.070681	2.094902	1.251609
H	2.481647	3.332643	1.712207
H	-2.603881	1.818976	2.201992
C	-4.036999	3.230663	1.194366
H	-4.898942	3.032972	1.846068
H	-3.569914	4.152593	1.564909
H	-4.387666	3.387083	0.172651
C	-3.829662	-1.434867	1.022583
C	-4.420290	-2.679947	0.363133
H	-4.427974	-0.552123	0.759451
H	-3.841897	-1.542669	2.114759
H	-5.450388	-2.834061	0.704019
H	-4.426890	-2.573427	-0.725792
H	-3.829779	-3.563298	0.621307

**W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub>(OC<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) (OH) (d4)**

ZPE=0.10738 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-959.975083 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-959.454098

W	-1.864335	-1.051603	0.280519
W	-0.478313	1.906824	-0.148177
W	1.661484	-0.886581	-0.568752

O	-2.894942	-1.782984	-0.858225
O	-2.066401	-1.787606	2.014252
O	-2.040344	0.816896	0.294007
O	-0.126982	-1.473913	-0.161197
O	0.262624	2.360807	1.345621
O	-0.877824	3.268930	-1.119001
O	2.254742	-1.676003	-1.953528
O	0.686895	0.728542	-1.012229
O	2.894399	-0.646951	0.785612
H	-1.415958	-2.297348	2.521527
C	3.224368	-0.044202	2.059276
C	4.561806	0.676208	1.961892
H	3.265926	-0.860985	2.787137
H	2.421141	0.646060	2.338040
H	4.811407	1.107951	2.936580
H	5.356870	-0.015740	1.671518
H	4.512368	1.486913	1.230058



For M=Mo ( Figure S12a)

TS (b) ZPE=0.162482       $E_{B,0K}=-1115.288264$      $E_{m,0K}=-1114.630069$      $E_{C,0K}=-1111.748945$

MO	-2.430315	-1.208193	-0.022527
MO	-1.141558	1.983445	0.241756
MO	1.236513	-0.797709	-0.346386
O	-3.266992	-1.777287	-1.386271
O	-3.053717	-1.986783	1.352879
O	-2.533318	0.686015	0.127319
O	-0.588851	-1.471207	-0.170924
O	-0.977392	2.572078	1.829977
O	-1.385915	3.301030	-0.804678
O	1.613059	-1.315181	-1.911015
O	0.347320	0.993308	-0.253170
O	2.856639	0.365821	-0.107644
O	1.936125	-1.890820	0.831966
C	3.861920	-2.222182	1.438857
H	3.457912	-2.320124	2.440159
H	3.845434	-3.118999	0.829116
C	4.657801	-1.116480	1.083206
H	5.384597	-1.281633	0.287755
H	3.818049	-0.345862	0.492531
H	4.988549	-0.476392	1.900671
C	4.352115	2.291462	-0.340060
C	3.304631	1.409207	-1.006165

H	5.257120	1.730030	-0.088896
H	4.636092	3.094085	-1.028037
H	3.953181	2.745413	0.571141
H	2.419443	1.994776	-1.269660
H	3.690282	0.934069	-1.916728

**Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (c)**

ZPE=0.166187      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1115.334374    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1114.678397    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1111.80323

MO	-2.506086	-1.264569	-0.063171
MO	-1.229655	1.969325	0.186498
MO	1.119880	-0.837169	-0.091551
O	-3.241792	-1.827096	-1.483012
O	-3.265824	-2.011766	1.254997
O	-2.580049	0.631228	0.059949
O	-0.652825	-1.579364	-0.065589
O	-1.287773	2.780277	1.676327
O	-1.350685	3.124024	-1.052478
O	1.750089	-1.385593	-1.569322
O	0.339386	0.970968	0.014240
O	2.923288	0.504950	0.062953
O	1.887843	-1.661527	1.181342
C	5.253253	-1.779767	0.049770
H	4.442220	-2.417834	-0.292511
H	6.024451	-1.527836	-0.674885
C	5.313399	-1.346556	1.318985
H	6.134859	-0.726015	1.670025
H	3.716440	-0.038712	0.268262
H	4.550938	-1.621096	2.043609
C	4.354572	2.417285	-0.509706
C	3.256053	1.475809	-0.979788
H	5.286190	1.879368	-0.307838
H	4.555780	3.154981	-1.293003
H	4.050630	2.948134	0.396192
H	2.327475	2.013433	-1.171085
H	3.540254	0.927493	-1.884183

**Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (d2)**      ZPE=0.084463      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-960.2427339    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-959.6947411    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-957.1028871

MO	-2.072363	-1.031077	0.000065
MO	-0.396271	2.035212	-0.000039
MO	1.559568	-1.047369	-0.000258
O	-2.901578	-1.583967	-1.368671
O	-2.899497	-1.583035	1.370445

O	-1.896260	0.860921	-0.000561
O	-0.268200	-1.589807	-0.001020
O	-0.370313	3.030056	1.372927
O	-0.368993	3.029262	-1.373560
O	2.224917	-1.775189	-1.379651
O	1.057377	0.847788	0.000984
O	2.224567	-1.777199	1.378254
C	3.980757	0.381082	-0.674151
H	4.537443	-0.360032	-1.239464
H	3.461867	1.150139	-1.239424
C	3.980430	0.380249	0.676222
H	3.461340	1.148682	1.242160
H	4.536832	-0.361584	1.240881

**For M=W ( Figure S13a)**

TS (**b**) ZPE=0.162232      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.864615    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.238671    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.215986

W	-2.161010	-1.285546	0.000314
W	-1.022295	1.967359	0.156481
W	1.496680	-0.749503	-0.244951
O	-2.899282	-1.935873	-1.405328
O	-2.830590	-2.049853	1.383704
O	-2.359477	0.609273	0.074696
O	-0.304599	-1.489934	-0.043136
O	-0.977061	2.705299	1.707961
O	-1.245678	3.183344	-1.036648
O	1.871548	-1.275623	-1.825721
O	0.543727	1.013480	-0.155378
O	3.077330	0.460208	-0.034581
O	2.256628	-1.824440	0.924329
C	4.293454	-2.103892	1.405144
H	3.938407	-2.251537	2.418712
H	4.247328	-2.968313	0.751751
C	5.012134	-0.953626	1.045217
H	5.681015	-1.043898	0.189427
H	4.077435	-0.226076	0.544974
H	5.361672	-0.320255	1.859911
C	4.489794	2.450288	-0.269920
C	3.492056	1.516989	-0.941148
H	5.415066	1.932146	-0.001332
H	4.747174	3.258056	-0.962224
H	4.059134	2.895261	0.631156
H	2.587966	2.061500	-1.224796
H	3.910017	1.046536	-1.838989

W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub>    (**c**)

ZPE=0.166097 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.903682 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.278925 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.262059

W	-2.235152	-1.277824	-0.032793
W	-1.014421	1.972916	0.127196
W	1.394304	-0.809078	-0.079460
O	-2.963260	-1.896722	-1.454729
O	-2.981490	-2.006276	1.326427
O	-2.357214	0.622129	0.038289
O	-0.377996	-1.565429	-0.028555
O	-1.111957	2.871250	1.585057
O	-1.107118	3.059661	-1.197722
O	1.978286	-1.360318	-1.593997
O	0.577131	0.993016	0.050906
O	3.144154	0.522609	0.065505
O	2.176812	-1.678933	1.178582
C	5.533993	-1.643563	0.092654
H	4.764825	-2.316313	-0.278865
H	6.312655	-1.345972	-0.606349
C	5.538078	-1.226491	1.369241
H	6.319196	-0.573322	1.751985
H	3.945135	-0.004206	0.297263
H	4.769918	-1.549973	2.067154
C	4.542519	2.469726	-0.476441
C	3.482506	1.501963	-0.976625
H	5.480933	1.956171	-0.246030
H	4.747065	3.208895	-1.257265
H	4.198643	2.996782	0.417131
H	2.546598	2.014791	-1.196327
H	3.803607	0.950304	-1.865493

### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>9</sub>•C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> (d2)

ZPE=0.084647 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-958.8070106 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-958.290881 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-955.5570737

W	-1.873614	-1.184361	0.000013
W	-0.493122	2.010353	-0.000032
W	1.764955	-0.890516	-0.000127
O	-2.646647	-1.819145	-1.388896
O	-2.644252	-1.818175	1.390703
O	-1.896144	0.719107	-0.000578
O	-0.025678	-1.566424	-0.001299
O	-0.543576	3.008036	1.393029
O	-0.542245	3.007256	-1.393700
O	2.454485	-1.608544	-1.395717
O	1.060334	0.956143	0.000950
O	2.453371	-1.609402	1.395540
C	3.942064	0.658201	-0.676748

H	4.567417	-0.026292	-1.240723
H	3.369202	1.388406	-1.241593
C	3.941707	0.658334	0.678084
H	3.368532	1.388674	1.242422
H	4.566856	-0.026002	1.242490



For M=Mo ( Figure S12b)

TS (f) ZPE=0.164011       $E_{B,0K}=-1115.303738$   $E_{m,0K}=-1114.651969$   $E_{C,0K}=-1111.770002$

MO	-2.034230	-1.549027	0.308377
MO	-1.404582	1.796446	-0.029948
MO	1.337917	-0.494008	-0.758500
O	-2.913056	-2.513980	-0.777779
O	-2.254522	-2.153246	1.882421
O	-2.544127	0.284948	0.191218
O	-0.218589	-1.478557	-0.122205
O	-1.008456	2.471127	1.487854
O	-2.086661	3.001514	-1.015405
O	1.623059	-0.829081	-2.369799
O	0.129330	1.080251	-0.783533
O	2.705143	0.813152	-0.084816
O	2.618670	-1.552262	0.168703
C	3.551274	-1.238080	1.082184
H	3.437462	0.172758	0.563874
H	3.158690	-1.072012	2.092759
C	4.882986	-1.932635	0.968185
H	4.811698	-2.979948	1.290710
H	5.245501	-1.920592	-0.063503
H	5.617111	-1.436404	1.610335
C	2.675831	2.718125	1.485719
C	2.845772	2.261298	0.044802
H	3.420059	2.255589	2.142034
H	2.817069	3.802812	1.532114
H	1.673094	2.492924	1.857194
H	2.082059	2.687728	-0.607001
H	3.833355	2.510684	-0.354162

$\text{Mo}_3\text{O}_8 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{CH}=\text{O}$  (g)

ZPE=0.167984       $E_{B,0K}=-1115.327886$   $E_{m,0K}=-1114.679343$   $E_{C,0K}=-1111.789779$

MO	-0.915717	-2.051737	0.207380
MO	-2.142463	1.083861	0.053202
MO	1.367160	0.404527	-0.884817

O	-1.392456	-3.602034	-0.315383
O	-0.154807	-2.124993	1.751593
O	-2.361446	-0.793934	0.293223
O	0.258516	-1.258783	-0.954113
O	-2.506171	1.938803	1.486600
O	-3.118162	1.678299	-1.209058
O	1.880557	0.749385	-2.434169
O	-0.335475	1.273707	-0.331993
O	2.212959	2.005816	0.315533
O	2.762131	-0.781252	-0.040421
C	2.950256	-1.609951	0.889348
H	3.152099	1.958573	0.549015
H	2.168022	-1.744298	1.645389
C	4.200528	-2.417742	0.964761
H	3.940363	-3.483880	0.942084
H	4.874011	-2.185569	0.138285
H	4.705286	-2.244055	1.923719
C	1.997283	3.867732	1.917503
C	1.716732	3.384013	0.505588
H	3.072007	3.903412	2.131133
H	1.605435	4.883343	2.030248
H	1.505435	3.229116	2.655564
H	0.651354	3.310839	0.299136
H	2.194895	4.008780	-0.254385

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>·CH<sub>3</sub>CH=O (**h1**)

ZPE=0.085121      E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-960.223634    E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-959.6784877    E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-957.0724835

MO	-0.059645	1.901739	-0.358136
MO	2.210941	-0.590809	0.414920
MO	-1.121949	-1.410860	-0.585461
O	-0.145489	3.318511	-1.293042
O	-0.679448	2.165588	1.221247
O	1.696603	1.127403	-0.168709
O	-0.936186	0.477389	-1.142334
O	2.586408	-0.595663	2.070807
O	3.551890	-1.169101	-0.447341
O	-1.839013	-2.380117	-1.747561
O	0.655763	-1.651685	0.089149
O	-2.595729	-0.810199	0.619883
C	-3.016188	-0.046418	1.523737
H	-2.299684	0.594437	2.048739
C	-4.457512	-0.006432	1.895355
H	-4.822073	1.025729	1.821304

H	-5.052077	-0.661102	1.256783
H	-4.574924	-0.301895	2.946255

### Mo<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>OH (**h2**)

ZPE=0.109988 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-961.4272653 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-960.8793421 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-958.2741173

MO	-2.324095	-0.314181	0.386298
MO	0.306753	1.844190	-0.420217
MO	0.872069	-1.642811	-0.455879
O	-3.710313	-0.681952	-0.520828
O	-2.752606	-0.241945	2.028318
O	-1.524080	1.297146	-0.185490
O	-0.958344	-1.615105	0.122667
O	0.967963	2.240962	1.110723
O	0.568494	3.119350	-1.515192
O	1.525951	-2.763323	-1.516137
O	1.050278	0.264145	-1.014430
O	2.446795	-1.179731	0.901233
H	2.617984	-1.790156	1.632985
C	3.873253	0.508862	2.001840
C	3.613030	-0.274090	0.728534
H	4.114901	-0.153209	2.841218
H	4.734959	1.164820	1.841537
H	3.011200	1.128992	2.256955
H	3.334933	0.367197	-0.104884
H	4.456685	-0.905006	0.434522

### For M=W ( Figure S13b)

TS (**f**) ZPE=0.165582 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-1113.859793 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-1113.238683 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-1110.213979

W	-1.800759	-1.576977	0.236565
W	-1.275625	1.786639	-0.009783
W	1.596169	-0.399440	-0.646817
O	-2.664565	-2.596848	-0.840763
O	-1.971485	-2.160592	1.844619
O	-2.385256	0.241283	0.115881
O	0.004641	-1.452259	-0.212403
O	-0.993604	2.453687	1.554588
O	-1.928355	2.994211	-1.042728
O	2.011669	-0.672298	-2.262532
O	0.341832	1.137439	-0.655094
O	2.923281	0.940903	0.135100
O	2.814508	-1.431071	0.352686
C	3.709763	-1.289671	1.332715
H	3.601077	0.411072	0.747930

H	3.283284	-1.119510	2.325120
C	4.989671	-2.069645	1.224111
H	4.833174	-3.134333	1.450218
H	5.411495	-2.000652	0.216963
H	5.720973	-1.684320	1.941126
C	2.768367	2.867036	1.677361
C	3.033435	2.403632	0.254646
H	3.480686	2.426173	2.381976
H	2.886758	3.954534	1.718852
H	1.749184	2.627128	1.990596
H	2.301758	2.800107	-0.448136
H	4.038726	2.659651	-0.089850

$\text{W}_3\text{O}_8 \cdot \text{C}_2\text{H}_6\text{O} \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{CH=O}$  (**g**)

ZPE=0.167828       $E_{B,0K}=-1113.86412$      $E_{m,0K}=-1113.245513$      $E_{C,0K}=-1110.217396$

W	0.323337	2.103473	0.138348
W	2.144454	-0.720817	-0.012234
W	-1.485423	-0.793174	-0.704630
O	0.410272	3.730499	-0.416950
O	-0.285907	2.019477	1.759703
O	2.010364	1.179779	0.097091
O	-0.753249	1.044728	-0.918983
O	2.522573	-1.387956	1.535984
O	3.315451	-1.231121	-1.163681
O	-2.113727	-1.291010	-2.193070
O	0.434587	-1.271193	-0.482156
O	-1.755593	-2.436062	0.630182
O	-2.944986	0.056319	0.261610
C	-3.365518	0.805473	1.205477
H	-2.553822	-2.458534	1.181342
H	-2.648180	1.128205	1.963005
C	-4.787006	1.257068	1.245508
H	-4.830658	2.353359	1.200911
H	-5.352137	0.843877	0.407652
H	-5.264118	0.964670	2.189885
C	-0.353678	-3.585637	2.321016
C	-0.908475	-3.627179	0.909228
H	-1.152806	-3.571646	3.070561
H	0.242753	-4.488112	2.489211
H	0.299874	-2.721775	2.462584
H	-0.124652	-3.579171	0.156884
H	-1.541751	-4.498609	0.722874

$\text{W}_3\text{O}_8 \cdot \text{CH}_3\text{CH=O}$  (**h1**)

ZPE=0.084918 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-958.7548159 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-958.2394123 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-955.4918028

W	-0.255304	1.925149	-0.252771
W	2.160967	-0.535218	0.296271
W	-1.182911	-1.435604	-0.389258
O	-0.452464	3.342253	-1.202228
O	-0.768212	2.193377	1.376249
O	1.518556	1.173152	-0.200685
O	-1.143218	0.452719	-0.962337
O	2.711669	-0.537264	1.918649
O	3.438071	-1.045511	-0.723966
O	-1.878656	-2.545048	-1.465294
O	0.632068	-1.675828	0.126223
O	-2.653353	-0.840339	0.749632
C	-3.194098	-0.050841	1.580670
H	-2.553077	0.652251	2.118134
C	-4.654476	-0.121266	1.865008
H	-5.097205	0.878574	1.781431
H	-5.157991	-0.807800	1.182380
H	-4.819673	-0.450631	2.900131

### W<sub>3</sub>O<sub>8</sub>·C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>O (h2)

ZPE=0.109933 E<sub>B,0K</sub>=-959.9756487 E<sub>m,0K</sub>=-959.4620692 E<sub>C,0K</sub>=-956.7203985

W	-1.922540	-0.121738	0.368067
W	0.782711	1.677499	-0.065923
W	0.622531	-1.245652	-0.821046
O	-3.258684	-0.056526	-0.700273
O	-2.493556	-0.350021	1.971867
O	-1.073145	1.597185	0.381307
O	-0.955391	-1.795743	0.028553
O	1.563469	2.200055	1.373533
O	0.986918	2.861731	-1.286085
O	0.300736	-1.297224	-2.485375
O	1.867362	0.117302	-0.567298
O	1.570212	-2.233767	0.959019
H	0.974821	-2.738225	1.538696
C	2.784565	-1.357493	2.930455
C	2.900227	-2.057714	1.587128
H	2.175391	-1.933534	3.635235
H	3.785807	-1.258634	3.361854
H	2.361203	-0.356140	2.821618
H	3.462751	-1.462533	0.868412
H	3.347967	-3.051688	1.665465